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**A Brief Examination of the history, organizational structure and National Leadership of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.**



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# BOOK ONE



## THE MUQARRABEEN FILES

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## Foreword

The Muqarrabeen Files are the results of a historical research quest that I took upon myself several decades ago. Many of the documents appear just as they were presented to me i.e., old, yellow, cracked and, sometimes, faded. My reasoning? So that you, the reader, could see the data in the same manner as I did. This approach allows the reader to see just how or upon what, my conclusions were reached. If you agree or disagree with my conclusion, just consider and remember, my conclusions are based upon my "findings", personal experiences, background, academic advancements and height of spiritual consciousness. You will note that the sources from which much of this information has been obtained has also been included for the reader's personal investigation. The Muqarrabeen Files are not designed to answer all your questions. But, rather, to give the reader a framework of facts and information that could lead to or allow the reader to arrive at the truth, It shows us what was i.e., those things/events that did take place and gives us some insight into the actions that brought about many of the decisions of the past, correct or incorrect as they may have been. This Special "Grand Governors' Two Set Edition" has been updated to include a number of current events. However, again, The Muqarrabeen Files is not designed to answer all of your questions. It is designed to make you think about some things; look at some things and to arrive at some answers regarding those things.

It should be noted that I am not claiming to have any documents or information that is exclusive to me or my research team. By no means am I saying that! What I am saying and have said is that I have taken the time to research, gather and compile the information, putting it in a single package for easy referencing. I have attempted to be objective as possible in relating the information that I have uncovered. Of course, as an active member of the organization under research, this can only be accomplished to a certain degree. For example, on the question of Noble Drew Ali's prophet hood, my position is fixed: He is the Prophet and founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., and he did come to warn the nations of the earth of the great wrath which is sure to come upon the earth. That is a constant throughout my research that has not changed. Any thing beyond that is subject to question and if true and correct should be able to stand questioning.



I pray that my work will be received in the true spirit of self examination, for as the Prophet Jesus taught the importance of this lesson in Chapter 15 of the Moorish Holy Koran. Thus, if man is called or instructed to find periods of self-examination, why shouldn't an organization made of "men" do the same? May Allah, the Father of the Universe, Be forever pleased with our efforts to do that which is true and correct (*right*). May He, continue to Guide and Protect us, by Night and By Day, though His holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, the Logos of 1886.

Peace,

The Author

## **Preface**

### **Noble Drew Ali; The Man, The Prophet and his Mission**

Noble Drew Ali, a man who made his entrance into the world on the 8th day of January 1886, was an extraordinary individual, endowed with vision, purpose and love for humanity. At the age of 27 in 1913, he founded the Moorish Movement in America, later to be named: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., in Newark, New Jersey to uplift fallen humanity by returning the nationality, divine creed and culture to persons of Moorish descent in the Western Hemisphere. In succeeding years, Noble Drew Ali moved to Chicago, Illinois, organizing in 1925 as the Moorish Temple of Science. He later established a national headquarters and in November 1926, incorporated as a civic organization in the State of Illinois. This was later changed, on July 20, 1928, at a special meeting, to a religious corporation, known as the Moorish Science Temple of America, and registered in the Cook County Office of Records and Deeds, August 1, 1928. The purpose and goal of the Moorish movement were articulated by Noble Drew Ali in the September 14, 1928 edition of his national weekly publication "The Moorish Guide", when he indicated that it was " Building on human needs " to:

Dispense charity and provide for the mutual assistance of its members in times of distress; Aid in the improvement of health and encourage the ownership of better homes; Find employment for members; and, Teach those fundamental principals which are desired for our civilization, such as obedience to law, loyalty to government, tolerance and unity. He further stated: " We are friends and servants of humanity. We are dedicated to the purpose of elevating the moral, social and economic status of our people. We have set about to do this through a wide and comprehensive program embodying the principles of **LOVE, TRUTH, PEACE, FREEDOM, and JUSTICE** "

To that end, in the pre-Depression years of the 1920's, Noble Drew Ali worked with the Moorish-Americans to purchase the first Temple grounds in Chicago, Illinois during May 1926. At the Moorish-owned Unity Temple Hall, located in that city at 3140 Indiana Ave, site of the first Moorish National Convention from October 15-20, 1928, the Moorish and American flags were proud reminders of the dual heritage of our people.

The restoration of the Moorish flag to the descendents of Africa in America by Noble Drew Ali was of special historic significance to the Moorish community and the world, for it took place in the United States during a time when the government of Morocco was in a state of subjugation to the French rule (1912-1955), and could not raise the red flag with the five pointed- green star in the center, on African soil. Additionally, this action evoked memories of the unique role and contributions of Moorish-Moroccan civilization to development of the American system. The first

nation in the world to recognize the continental government of the United States, Morocco signed the first international treaty with this country in 1787, at a time when Moorish descendents of Moroccans labored to help build the evolving American society. Inspired by the example of Noble Drew Ali, who founded the Moorish Manufacturing Corporation (which continues to produce remedies such as Moorish mineral and healing oil, antiseptic bath compound, and Moorish tea), his followers began to establish a variety of business enterprises, including restaurants, grocery and furniture stores, real estate firms, etc. When the Elks held their 29th Convention at Unity Hall in 1928, the Moorish Cafeteria Service was commended for being "... one of the most beautiful examples of unity and service ever witnessed..." Reporting on the Moorish Manufacturing Corporation in the September 14, 1928 edition of the MOORISH GUIDE, Noble Drew Ali commented, "In all of the various divisions of the factory, we have put on about 20 additional workers. This factory serves one of our main purposes because it gives employment to the members." Noble Drew Ali was firm in stating, "We shall be secure in nothing until we have economic power. A beggar people cannot develop the highest in them, nor can they attain to a genuine enjoyment of the spirituality's of life." He successfully endorsed and supported the candidacy of then Chicago Committee man Oscar DePriest for the United States Congress in 1928. This endorsement came at the opening meeting of the Moorish Science Temple of America's first annual National Convention, held in Chicago on October 16, 1928. Despite the fact that many others were afraid to express their support openly for Mr. DePriest out of fear that his campaign would not be successful. Moorish residents of the first Congressional District of Illinois, members of the Chicago Temple, numbering 5000, were among his staunchest supporters. Long before the now-famous Civil Rights era, members of the Moorish Science Temple of America, under the leadership of Noble Drew Ali proudly cast their votes for Oscar Depriest, helping him to become the first person of African descent to serve in the U.S House of Representatives following the completion of the Honorable George White, Representative of North Carolina, term in 1901.

Noble Drew Ali took part in a great parade celebrating the DePriest victory on Saturday, November 3, 1928. In one of the most spectacular occasions ever witnessed on the Southside of Chicago, thousands of automobiles formed an impressive caravan of citizens joining the forces in unity and love. The immense respect and admiration for Noble Drew Ali's work was noted at the opening session of the Moorish Convention, when the dais of speakers included such distinguished city, state and national leaders as the Honorable Louis B. Anderson, Alderman, 2nd

Ward (Chicago); Honorable Daniel M. Jackson, 2nd Ward Committeeman and Illinois Commerce Commissioner; Honorable Oscar DePriest (then a Republican Committeeman and Congressional candidate), Honorable Robert R. Jackson, Alderman, 3rd Ward; and Honorable George Blackwell, State Representative, Illinois Legislature. Additionally, representing the private sector, Mr. Jesse Bingo, President of the Binga Binga State Bank, also spoke in honor of the industrious acts of Noble Drew Ali. Moorish members from various states including New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, Arkansas, Ohio, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Illinois were on hand to witness and participate in an event unlike any to which they had been exposed. Convention activities included an outstanding parade through Chicago's residential district with Temple officials dressed in full Moorish regalia, a musical concert featuring the Moorish chorus, a grand celebration with entertainment for delegates and guess; along with discussions, reporting and the conducting of business among the membership. Noble Drew Ali urged Moorish-Americans to "brighten the hopes of our youth" and encouraged the development of the Young Peoples Moorish League, as well as athletic clubs for children. Speaking about the Southside Boys Club Foundation in Chicago, Noble Drew Ali conveyed his fondness for youth and concern for the development of human potential when he stated "It takes sympathy, patience, interest and the trained eyes of men, well versed in the training and handling of young men to see the hidden beauty beneath the rough exterior. "Remember, "Better boys make better men", and better men make better husbands for our daughters," In addition to his many positive works, Noble Drew Ali will be remembered by the world for being the first divinely-Inspired leader to return the Islamic Creed to these Western shores within the government of the United States. In the corporate information contained in the July 20,1928 Affidavit of Organization filed in Cook County, Illinois, Noble Drew Ali stated "The Moorish Science Temple of America... derives its power and authority, from the Great Koran of Mohammed\* to propagate the faith and extend the learning and truth of the Great Prophet Ali in America. To appoint, and consecrate missionaries of the Prophet; and, to establish the faith of Mohammed in America. "The words of Noble Drew Ali, recorded in his "Moorish Leader's Historical Message to America " appropriately summarize his mission\* philosophy and dedication:

**"... I urge you to remember there is work enough for all to do in helping to build a better world. The problems of life are largely social and economic. In a profound sense, they are moral and spiritual. Have lofty conceptions of your duties to your country and fellowman in general and especially those with whom you deal. This includes such honesty and righteousness as will cause you to put yourself in the other fellow's place. Look for the best in the others and give them the best that is in you. Have a deeper appreciation for womanhood.**

**Brighten the hopes of our youth in order that their courage be increased to dare and do wondrous things. Adhere at all times to the principles of LOVE, TRUTH, PEACE, FREEDOM, and JUSTICE. I am your affectionate leader. I shall continue to labor day and night, both in public and private, for your good, thereby contributing to the welfare of our country and its people as a whole."**

In fitting tribute to his eminence as a world leader, Noble Drew Ali has been honored by the cities of: St. Louis, Missouri; Newark, New Jersey; Chicago, Illinois; Hartford, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Detroit, Michigan, Los Angeles, California and Baltimore, Maryland; as well as, by national and international organizations such as the National Conference of Black Mayors and the World Conference of Mayors for his work.

## THE INTRODUCTION

In view of my concerns regarding the many different groups presently operating under the name and/or title of the corporation founded by Noble Drew Ali, i.e., The Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., I decided to conduct a survey, and interview the more recent participants in this great Moorish drama. The ongoing conflict and legal maneuvering over which entity has the "exclusive rights" to the teachings and status of the Founder, Noble Drew Ali, has given rise to the frustration, disenchantment, and, in far too many instances, the overt display of animosity and mistrust apparent in the words and actions of the younger Moors.

Analogically speaking, the present condition of the Moorish Science Temple is nothing more than a manifest of the soul of Noble Drew Ali and, as he demonstrated two thousand years ago, the soul is without its manifest - the Prophet is gone to teach. He's opening up the prison doors and setting the prisoners free. He's breaking the Chains of the captive souls, and leading them to light. Today, there are entirely too many lofty hills and empty valleys and rocks to be rendered before the Prophet (Love) can manifest, especially in a Temple without a spirit, a body with no soul, and a Temple with no alter fires. The way to Allah is not through a continuous court battle over such abstractions as the now empty symbols of life. This Divine and National Movement is not govern by some state or federal agency invested with the power and authority to issue copyright or trademarks. The Prophet said that this was an everlasting Movement, therefore, it, by definition has transcended the power and authority of finite man. It is in the mist surrounding these entities that I saw the desolate one rise to the surface of the earth, scheming a schema, plotting a plot, devising a device he hopes will remove the "ancient landmarks" of the Moors, so that they may stumble and fall. Woe! To this destructionist! The true Moors shall see him go down for the last time. A Prophet is a thought of Allah manifested in the flesh. A Prophet does not speak for himself, he speaks only what Allah has commanded him to speak, therefore, Allah is the "true Author" of this Divine and National Movement. Those who misplace the sacred name of Allah, since Allah cannot die or pass away, are praising a false god. The Prophet didn't raise no fools, even though he called the fool twice. The double negative, didn't and no, are the fool's attributes. They, the fools, are working hard at trying to be Moorish, so much so, the pains cannot hide what they really are. Feeling the weight on their heads, while in the dark, they thought that they has a Fez or a Turban on their heads, only to discover, in the light, that their head's were covered with dirt !



Now, they are wondering why the young progressive thinking Moors are laughing at them. The problem of this age will be solved when the few faithful Moors show the rest of the Moors that the way to paradise is good works and kind words. If brothers and sisters just learn to love each other they would have reached the pinnacle where they might be a witness for the truth, as they view the destructionists as they fall. In this era we must have such witnesses. The young and innocent must hear the truth, that among the true Moors there is still much Islamism to be demonstrated!

When we look in the face of man and "see" that image, the awe of that recognition will remove all of the dust and fuss that are circulating in this Moorish atmosphere. Only in the Moorish Holy Koran can we breathe that pure Moorish expression of Allah. In seeing the image of Allah, and knowing that He is beyond man's petty squabbles, we will understand that Prophet Noble Drew Ali is the embodiment of love, therefore, he is the Grand Body. All other Temples, if they are right, are merely cells in his structure -student branches of a Master root.

Brother James Ray-Bey,  
Moorish Sage, Scholar and Teacher

## OVERVIEW

In preparation for this overview, I had the opportunity to read and review volumes of information and numerous documents (as well as to draw from my personal experience in and knowledge of the Moorish Movement). However, I found none more fittings and timely than the words of the Prophet Himself. A thorough reading of his works reveal both his progress and his struggles. Like Prophets before him, his works speak to the past, present and for the future. In this is a blessing and lesson for us, for we so readily apply modern solutions to ancient problems.

Noble Drew Ali, outlined the goals and objectives of his Movement in his 1928, **“Historical Message to America”**. He went on to state: “In connection with the aims, objects, rules and regulations of the Moorish Science Temple of America. I deem It proper to submit to you a brief statement of our organization, covering its inception, rise and progress and of the Mohammedan religion, which I hope will be satisfactory to you and be the means of causing you at all times to adhere to the principles of Love. Truth. Peace. Freedom, and Justice in your relations with mankind in general. I further, most anxiously hope this brief statement will help you to more clearly see the duty and wisdom of at all times upholding those fundamental principles which are desired for our civilization of our posterity, such as obedience to law, respect and loyalty to government, tolerance, and unity.

We organized as the Moorish Temple of Science in the year of 1925, and were legally incorporated as a civic organization under the laws of the State of Illinois. November 29th. 1926. The name Moorish Temple of Science was changed to the Moorish Science Temple of America, May 1928 in accordance with the legal requirements of the Secretary of the State of Illinois. The object of our Organization is to help in the great program of uplifting fallen humanity and teach those things necessary to make our members better citizens.

A National organization with a Rotarian complexion as it relates to branch Temples became obvious with the increasing number of inquiries from men and women in different sections of the country concerning the purpose of the organization. There are branch Temples in fifteen (15) different states at this time. Since the work of the Moorish Science Temple of America was largely religious, the organization has been legally changed to a religious corporation and an affidavit to this effect has been properly filed in the Cook County Recorder’s office of Illinois.

Inspired by the lofty teachings of the Koran, we have it as the revealed word of God Allah. We shall foster the principles of its teachings among our members. This is our religious privilege as American citizens, under the laws of one of the greatest documents of all time - the American Constitution. The Mohammedan religion is the least appreciated and probably the most misunderstood of the world's great religions. This is especially true in our western world. Try to understand what Mohammedanism stands for and some of the things it has contributed to the world. Mohammed was the founder of the Mohammedan religion. It originated thirteen centuries ago on Arabian Peninsula, where the streams of commerce and culture met and mingled in the middle ages, where the markets of exchange were stationed for treasurer of India and the products of the Mediterranean coasts. There, this religion was established in the unprecedented short period of twenty years, and unlike many other religions, without the aid of any royal patronage and support. Buddhism had its Asoka: Judaism its Joshua; Christianity its Constantine: hut Mohammedanism had no person of royal rank and power to assist in its establishment and spread.

Today this religion is acknowledged by nearly two hundred and fifty million souls and extends over an area equal to one-third of the globe. From Arabia it spread eastward over Persia, Turkestan, Afghanistan: westward across Syria, Asia Minor. Turkey; southward to Africa, covering more than half of that continent. It found its way to India, and beyond, to the Islands of Sumatra. Jaw and Borneo. To the early representatives of this faith the world's debt is incalculably great. For it was they who transmitted the treasures of Greek literature from the middle ages to the Renaissance; they who originated the graceful forms of which the Taj Mahal and the Alhambra are the most famous examples. It was they who contributed to the sciences of algebra and chemistry, astronomy, and medicine; they who dotted the Saracen Empire with universities and who built at Bagdad and Cairo the most renowned universities of the world. During those centuries of ecclesiastical despotism when the Christian church suppressed all intellectual activities save those that were theological, causing the talent that reproduces to supplant the genius that creates. Mohammedans did all in their power to encourage and stimulate research in every branch of human inquiry.

The Moors or Mohammedans added to the beauty and grandeur of Spain. For centuries art, science, literature, and chivalry flourished among them, while the rest of Europe was still sunk in the gloom of the Dark Ages. The Moors were

the most ingenious and industrious of the subjects of Spain. Their expulsion from Spain in 1610, was one of the chief causes of decadence of that country, for both agriculture and industry fell into decay after their departure.

Mohammedanism makes no distinction between high and low, rich and poor; it is like the sky, it has room for all. The Koran should be of interest to all readers. It is the Bible of the Mohammedans, ruling over the customs and actions of over 200 millions of people. It is a work of importance to whether considered from a religious, philosophical, or literary viewpoint. In the promotion of plans for the betterment of mankind, there has ever been some kind of opposition. And range as it may seem, such opposition is come from sources where there ere no ideas or the lack of courage to force attention to ideas. Whether in church, state or the social community, any attempt to do anything out of the usual way, seldom fails to receive criticism. Not because the course cannot be pursued legally or that it is unreasonable, but because it has been centered in terms as new. The Moorish Science Temple of America has received some opposition and criticism. In the main the opposition has come from certain Christian Ministers. They have expressed themselves as being opposed to our promotion of the Mohammedan religion. possibly because the promotion of the Muhammedan faith among our people in the United States is considered by them in terms as something new. Whatever the reasons may be for their opposition, the legal right to oppose citizens, individuals and organizations alike for their religious belief does not exist in the United States. The door to religious freedom made by the American Constitution swings open to all, and people may enter through it and worship as they desire. Without religious freedom, no search for truth would be possible; without religious freedom, no discovery of truth would be useful; without religious freedom, religious progress would be checked and we would no longer march forward toward the nobler life which the future holds for the races of men; without religious freedom, there would no inspiration to lift our heads and gaze with fearlessness into the vast bend, seeking a hope eternal.

It is a sad weakness in us after all, oppose our fellowmen for their religious beliefs, and if there are angels to record the sorrows of men as well their sins, they certainly know how my and deep are the useless sorrows at spring forth from such opposition, Possibly, love and time will cancel our ancient hatreds in this regard and prove that in mankind, tolerance is better in unwarranted opposition. In connection with our religious aims and beliefs, we must promote economic security.

The preaching of economic security among us is by no means as spread and intensive as the circumstances demand. No other one thing is more needed among us at this time in greater economic power. Better positions for our men and women, more business employment for our boys and girls and bigger incomes will follow our economic security. We shall be secure in nothing until we have economic power. A beggar people cannot develop the highest in them, nor can they attain to a genuine enjoyment of the spiritualities of life.

Our men, women and children should be taught to believe in the capacity of our group to succeed in business, in spite of the trials and failures of some of them. Trials and failures in business are by no means confined to any particular group of people. Some business ventures of all people fail. We have many men and women among our people who are qualified, both by training and experience, who are shining lights in the business world of all the people. It is a sad weakness in us as a people that we have withheld the very encouragement, support and patronage that would have made some of our worthy business ventures a grand success. And worst of all, have joined in the condemnations of them when they failed. Except in cases of actual dishonesty, discourtesy, lack of service and actual unreliability, our business enterprises in every field of endeavor should have fullest of confidence cooperation and patronage whenever and wherever they can be given. Read carefully the doctrines of The Moorish Science Temple of America. It contains our hopes, aims, rules and articles of religion. Every member should have a copy. In conclusion, I urge you to remember there is work enough for all to do in helping to build a better world. The problems of life are largely social and economic. In a profound sense, they are moral and spiritual. Have lofty conceptions of your duties to your country and fellowman in general and especially those with whom you deal. This includes such honesty and righteousness as will cause you to put yourself in the other fellow's place. Look for the best in others and give them the best that is in you. Have a deeper appreciation for womanhood. Brighten the hopes of our youth in order that their courage be increased to dare and do wondrous things. Adhere at all times to the principles of love, truth, peace, freedom, and justice. I am your affectionate leader. I shall continue to labor day and night, both in public and private, for your good, thereby contributing to the welfare of our country and its people as a whole....NOBLE DREW Ali”

He would later declare, in his **Divine Warning to the Nations**: “The citizens of all free national governments according to their national constitution are all of one family bearing *one free national name*.

Those who fail to recognize the free national name of their constitutional government are classed as undesirables, and are subject to all inferior names and abuses and mistreatments that the citizens care to bestow upon them. And it is a sin for any group of people to violate the national constitutional laws of a free national government and cling to the names and the principles that delude to slavery. I, the Prophet, was prepared by the Great God Allah to warn my people to repent from their sinful ways and go back to that state of mind to their forefathers' Divine and national principles that they will be law-abiders and receive their divine right as citizens, according to the free national constitution that was prepared for all free national beings. They are to claim **their own free national name** and religion. There is but one issue for them to be recognized by this government and of the earth and it comes only through the connection of the Moorish Divine National Movement, which is incorporated in this government and recognized by all other nations of the world. And through it they and their children can receive their Divine rights, unmolested by other citizens that they can cast **a free national ballot** at the polls under the **free national constitution of the States Government** and not under a granted privilege as has been the existing condition for many generations. You who doubt whether I, the Prophet, and my principles are right for the redemption of my people, go to those that know law, in the City Hall and among the officials in your government and ask them under an intelligent tone, and they will be glad to render you a favorable reply, for they are glad to see me bring you out of darkness into light. Money doesn't make the man, it is **free national standards** and power that makes a man and a nation. The wealth of all national governments, gold and silver and commerce belong to the citizens alone and without **your national citizenship by name** and principles, you have no true wealth, and I am hereby calling on all true citizens that stand for a **National Free Government**, and the enforcement of the constitution to help me in my great missionary work because, I need all support from all true American citizens of the United States of America. Help me to save my people who have fallen from the constitutional laws of the government. I am depending on your support to get them back to the constitutional fold again that they will learn to love instead of hate, and will live according to Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom, and Justice, **supporting our free national constitution of the United States of America.**

I love my people and I desire their unity and mine back to their **own free National and Divine** standard because day by day they have been violating the **national and constitutional laws** of their government by claiming names and principles that are unconstitutional.

If Italians, Greeks, English, Chinese, Japanese, Turks, and Arabians are forced to ***proclaim their free national name*** and religion before the constitutional government of the United States of America, it is no more than right that the law should be enforced upon all other American citizens alike. In all other governments when a man is born and raised there and asked for his ***national descent name*** and if he fails to give it he is misused, imprisoned, or exiled. Any group of people that fail to answer up to the constitutional standards of law by name and principles, because to be a citizen of any government you must claim ***your national descent name***. Because they place their trust upon issue and names formed by their forefathers.

The word Negro deludes in the Latin language to the word nigger; the same as the word "colored" deludes to anything that is painted, varnished and dyed. And every nation must bear a national descent name of their forefathers, because honoring thy fathers and thy mothers, your days will be lengthened upon this earth. These names have never been recognized by any true American citizens of this day. Through ***your free national name*** you are known and recognized by all nations of the earth that are recognized by said national government in which they live. The 14th and 15th Amendments brought the North and South in unit, placing the Southerners who were at that time without power, with the constitutional body of power. And at that time, 1865, ***the free national constitutional law*** that was enforced since 1774 declared all men equal and free, and ***if all men are declared by the free national constitution to be free and equal since that constitution has never been changed***, there is no need for the application of the 14th and 15th Amendments for the salvation ***our people*** and citizens. So, there isn't but one supreme issue for my people to use to redeem that which was lost, and that is through the above statements. Then the lion and the lamb can lie down together in yonder hills. And neither will be harmed, because Love. Truth. Peace. Freedom and Justice will be reigning in this land. In those days the United States will be one of the greatest civilized and prosperous governments of the world, but if the above principle- are not carried out by the citizens and my people in this government, the worst is yet to come, because the Great God of the Universe is not pleased with the works that are being performed in North America by my people and this great sin must be removed from the hind to save it from enormous earthquakes, diseases, etc.

I, the Prophet, do herein believe that this administration of the government being more wisely prepared by more genius citizens that believe in their free national constitution and laws and through the help of such classes of citizens.



I, the Prophet, truly believe that my people will find the true and Divine way of their forefathers, and learn to stop serving carnal customs and merely ideas of man, that have never done them any good, but have always harmed them. So, I, the Prophet, am hereby calling aloud with a Divine plea to all true American citizens to help me to remove this great sin which has been committed and is being practiced by my people in the United States of America, because they know it is not the true and Divine way and, without understanding they have fallen from the true light into utter darkness of sin, and there is not a nation on earth today that will recognize them socially, religiously, politically or economically, etc, in their present condition of their endeavorment in which they themselves try to force upon a civilized world, they will not refrain from their sinful ways of action and their deeds have brought jim-crowism, segregation, and everything that brings harm to human beings on earth. And they fought the Southerner for all these great misuses, but I have travelled in the South and have examined conditions there, and it is the works of my people continuously practicing the things which bring dishonor, disgrace, and disrespect to any nation that lives the life. And I am hereby calling on all true American citizens for moral support and finance to help me in my great missionary work to bring my people out of darkness into marvelous light.”—FROM THE PROPHET.

He would go on to announce to the public, in general: **“If you have race pride and love your race**, join the Moorish Science Temple of America and become a part of this divine movement. Then you will have power to redeem your race because you will know who you are and who your forefathers were, because where there is unity there is strength "Together we stand and Divided we fall." Come, good people, because I, the Prophet seat to redeem this nation from mental slavery which you now have, need every one of you who think that your condition can be better. This is a field open to strong men and women to uplift the nation and take your place in the affairs of men. If the European and other nations are helping me. why not you? It is your problem. The "Negro" problem is being solved only as it can and that is by the Moorish National Divine Movement. If you have a nation you must have a free national name in order to be recognized by this nation as an American citizen. This is what was meant when it was said: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and all these things would be added unto you." Prophet Noble Drew Ali.

Having addressed the world, the nation and public in general, Noble Drew Ali soon had to address internal concerns and emerging problems in the organization's leadership.

In several articles published in the Moorish Guide, he would issue a number of warnings declaring: Moors are men, upright, independent and fearless who care for their loved ones and follow the Prophet to a destiny which is not uncertain nor unknown. They are fortified by the impregnable doctrine built upon Love. Truth, Peace. Freedom and Justice. It is, therefore, folly at its greatest height for smelly culprits with their insidious plans to invade such realm. They try and try but their own bad planning brings down wrath upon their heads like the sword old Damocles had. Intrigue and scurrilous connings find a difficult path to travel within the ranks of the Moors. This is so because I he .Moorish Movement has been well planned by Prophet Noble Drew Ali, whose latent powers are abundant, unknown and may he called into action as a matter of defense, at any moment. Prophet Noble Drew Ali knows the people within his ranks who are interested. They are vanguards of the Movement as the Moorish hordes increase here in America. All of the Moors are active not passive. A member's interest can only lie in one direction and having traveled over the road years before the Prophet knows where every member is along the road. A few feet below is another road where schemer walk, where traitors grin, and culprits bask in the sun. They think they are on the same road with true Moors, but the Moors are high above on a pinnacle where they might view the destructionists as they fall for the last time and their bones bleach in the sultry mid-day sun. Hungry scavenger- flying high, catch spent, devour and leave crying out: *Caveat Emptor* — cast out the dead carcass. The Moors high above see these plotters, purveyors, the worst that exist, hurl themselves downward by their own works as the hawks wait.”

**In another message, Noble Drew Ali, would be more specific regarding who he was talking to, a warning was issued declaring:**

***A WARNING FROM THE PROPHET FOR ALL GOVEBNORS AND GRAND SHEIKS AND HEAD OFFICIALS OF ALL TEMPLES)***

“Renew you acts, amend your ways. Because the great conference is on its way and in it is where the Law will be enforced before the great grand body. The continuance of the present officers in the Temple will depend on your past good work. Those who have been delinquent may now know that they will not be tolerated any longer, because this great Divine and National movement must move on according to Law, these things shall be Proclaimed. There is no favorite in any of the Temples, for the Law is laid down and everyone who claims a part of the work must be governed accordingly. All are one. There is but one Temple in this Nation and there is but one Prophet of the Temples.

I come to speak to all Nations, bringing them a message of love, truth, peace, freedom and justice, In the Head of every Temple if any one has violated these Divine Laws it will mean his discontinuance, for no man is to be under the influence of intoxicating liquors nor to seek to tear up the families while under the influence of any evil motive; nor must he speak anything that will prejudice the minds of the public against the Divine Movement. If any of the Laws are violated, any body of grand Sheiks or Sheiks can file charge against the violation to the Grand Body over which the Prophet presides. This power is vested in seven or more Sheiks for the protection of your Temple and the Divine Movement.

**In another message the Prophet Noble Drew Ali was forced to clarify his position and declare his authority and power:**

### ***PROPHET ANNOUNCES HIS AUTHORITY AND POWER***

“Forced to make changes. All Governors and other officers of the Moorish Science Temple are hereby congratulated for their past loyalty and fidelity, for I know it will be the same in the future. Because of certain incidents that have risen in some of the temples which seem to come from the fact that there are those who do not know where the seal of power is vest the Prophet has ordered the following to be published. All authority and power of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., is vested in the Prophet Noble Drew Ali and those whom he appoints to act as in the Supreme Body. The Prophet has the authority and power to expel any officer or member of the Moorish Science Temple of America who willfully violate or refuses to comply with the rules in regard to branch Moorish Science Temple, and such suspensions and expulsions shall stand until in the judgment of the Prophet, the members and officers shall have made satisfactory atonement. All officers and members of the Moorish Science Temple of America and any such rules and regulations of the constitution shall be in writing and not at variance with any law of the city, town or nation which the Prophet shall declare a law. During this session of the convention, all rules, regulations and laws of the constitution and such as might be enacted and ordered by the Prophet, shall express and explain in detail, so there can be no doubt as to what is required of each and every officer or member of the organization. The Prophet will positively not tolerate any interference with the operation of this National Divine Movement from any one.”

**In one of his final messages, the Prophet Noble Drew Ali, spoke to the behavior of some of his members and to the need for all members to obey the law.** He would go on to publish, both in the Moorish Guide and the Chicago Defender, a proclamation of order. Thus, it was written and published:

***PROPHET WARNS ALL MOSLEMS GOVERNORS. ORDERED TO  
READ PROCLAMATION AT EACH MEETING***

“I hereby inform all members that they must end all radical agitating speeches while at work, in their homes or on the streets. We are for peace and not destruction. Stop flashing your cards at Europeans, it causes confusion. Remember your card is for your Salvation. Failure to obey these orders will be of severe consequence. We are for Love, Truth, Peace and Freedom and when these principles are violated, Justice then must take its course. Any member or group of members who hold malicious feelings toward the Temple or the Prophet, or violate the Divine covenant of the Moorish Movement, will receive their reward from Allah for their unjust Deeds. All true Moors will and must obey the Law as laid down to them by their Prophet If they lose confidence in their Prophet they should turn in their card, button, cease wearing their Turban or Fez and return to the state where I, the Prophet, found you. This is a Holy and Divine movement founded by the Prophet, Noble Drew Ali. and if the Prophet is not right the Temple is not right. The Prophet therefore, is sending out the Divine Plea to all Moorish Americans that they do their part in protecting their Prophet and the Temple. This is an everlasting movement founded by the Prophet through the will of Allah to redeem his people from their sins. By Order of Prophet Noble Drew Ali.

**The Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali pulled the veil of life on July 20, 1929, leaving the Moorish Divine and National Movement; Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., in the hands of the Moors of America.** After the passing of the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., his followers entered a dispute over leadership that has lasted to this very day. Volume one of this book is an examination of the dispute.

# The Conflict and the Controversy of Leadership

## The Inception

The Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., is the oldest Islamic organization in North America. It was originally founded in Newark, New Jersey in 1913 under the name Ancient Canaanite temple. *(note: It is believed by some Moors and taught by some Moorish American Historians, that the organization was name the Moorish Divine and National Movement in 1916)* However, its founder, Noble Drew Ali, moved his movement to Chicago, Illinois in 1917. It was there that he later organized as the Moorish Temple of Science in 1925. *(note: Some Moorish Americans give this year as the birth of the name Moorish Holy Temple of Science)* The following year, November 29, 1926, Noble Drew Ali and four other members incorporated the Moorish Temple of Science as a civic organization under the laws of the state of Illinois. Among the original incorporators were James Lomax, Eddie Watts, Samuel Suckers, and Johnny Reynolds. According to its corporate mandate, the Moorish Temple of Science was established to "teach its members those things necessary to make them better citizens and to help in the great program of uplifting fallen humanity. In an effort to fulfill this mandate several changes were made to the Moorish corporate structure. In 1927, the name Moorish Holy Temple of Science was "unofficially" adopted, symbolizing the beginning of Noble Drew Ali's divine ministry. It was during this same year that the Moorish Publishing Co. was established, with the Moorish Guide - a bi-weekly newspaper - beginning its circulation. The staff of the Moorish Guide consisted of Noble Drew Ali, Publisher, Richard H. Ross-Bey Editor, Juanita Richardson-Bey, Assistant Editor, and Pearl Drew Ali, Secretary/Treasurer. The Moorish Guide would eventually become the official voice for the Moorish Movement, publishing sensational and profound articles by its founder and top officials of the Moorish organization. The year 1927 would also witness the first printing of the Moorish Holy Koran; a small pamphlet of forty-eight (48) chapters, setting the tone and character for the Moorish Moslem. Although it was published in 1927, the Moorish Koran wouldn't reach the hands of the general membership until December 15, 1928. In the meantime, the Moorish organization would make several changes in its complexion. On May 2, 1928, at a meeting of the members of the Moorish Temple of Science, its name was "officially" changed to the Moorish Science Temple of America.

This was followed by a special meeting held July 20, 1928, wherein, its corporate status was changed from civic to religious. Its directors were elected and sheiks were appointed according to the provisions of Hurd's revised stat., Chapter 32.26, "our appointed, or wardens, vestryman, or whatever name they may adopt". Noble Drew. Ali, Mealy-El, Small-Bey, and Foreman-Bey became the official directors of the Moorish Movement, with Mealy-El becoming .its first Grand Sheik and later president.

## Don't Miss the Great Moorish Drama



NOBLE DREW ALI

**Look!**

**Look!**

COME YE EVERYONE AND SEE

### THE SEVENTH WONDER OF THE WORLD

The Great Moorish Drama, which constitutes

### "Events in The Last Days Among the Inhabitants of North America"

In this Moorish Drama the need of a nationality will be made know to you through the acts, of men, women and children. There will be great lectures and this Nationalistic topic by the Prophet Noble Drew Ali, and many of the Sheiks of the Grand Body of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science. You will also hear one of the greatest Moorish female songstress of the day—MME LOMAX-BEY.

THE PROPHET NOBLE DREW ALI, WILL BE BOUND WITH  
SEVERAL YARDS OF ROPE. AS JESUS WAS BOUND  
IN THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM

And escaped before the authorities could take charge of Him; so will the Prophet Drew Ali, perform the same act, after being bound by anyone in the audience and will escape in a few seconds.

He also will heal many in the audience without touching them, free of charge, as they stand in front of their seats manifesting his divine power.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO

### THE MOORISH HOLY TEMPLE OF SCIENCE

AT COMMUNITY CENTRE

3140 INDIANA AVE.

8 to 11 p. m.

Refreshments Served.

ADMISSION:

ADULTS 50c

CHILDREN 25c

**On Monday Evening, May 16th, 1927**



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**Brother E. Mealy-El, Supreme Grand Sheik of the Supreme Grand Council of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science; General Chairman of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science; 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Sheik of the Moorish Temple of Science and Grand Sheik/Corporate President (Feb. 1929) of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. Grand Sheik of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. Governor Grand Temple #1, Divine Minister Adept**





Establishment of a Religious Society

An Affidavit of Religious Organization, reflecting these changes, was filed on Form 1099 with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds (in book 521 on page 579). According to this form, the Moorish Movement had a new mandate. Deriving its power and authority from the Great Koran of Mecca, it now set out to propagate the faith of Mohammed and extend the learning and truth of the Great Prophet of Ali in America. Through the appointment and consecration of missionaries, Noble Drew Ali, established his Movement upon a Rotarian completion; opening branch temples in fifteen (15) different cities by mid-1928. The first Annual National Convention of the Moorish Science Temple of America was held between October 15th -20th, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois. Among those that attended were the Honorable Oscar W. DePriest, Congressman from Illinois, Honorable Judge George W. Blackburn, Dr. C.V. Roman, Attorney Aaron Payne-El and Alderman Louis B. Alderson. These distinguished and prominent leaders each rose before the large audience and delivered persuasive speeches supporting and honoring the Moorish prophet, Noble Drew Ali. There was much talk about the progress, plans and programs of the Moorish Movement; especially, those designed to address the economic and political plight of the so-called Negro in America. This event was engulfed with enthusiasm.

A parade was held - the members of the Moorish Movement, dressed in the garb of their ancient heritage, marched from 37th and Federal Streets, east to Wabash and north, on Wabash to 32nd Street. They continued on to the National Headquarters, located at 3141 Indiana Avenue. It was during this convention that Noble Drew Ali would hand down his Divine Constitution and By-Laws, Additional Laws and a study guide entitled: Koran Questions for Moorish Americans. He declared, "These are my general laws, the supreme laws will be handed down later"

Salvation                      Our God                      Unity





## The Moorish Science Temple

### OF AMERICA

### The Divine Constitution and By-Laws

**ACT 1.**—The Grand Sheik and the chairman of the Moorish Science Temple of America is in power to make law and enforce laws with the assistance of the Prophet and the Grand Body of the Moorish Science Temple of America. The assistant Grand Sheik is to assist the Grand Sheik in all affairs if he lives according to Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice, and it is known before the members of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

**ACT 2.**—All meetings are to be opened and closed promptly according to the circle seven and Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. Friday is our Holy Day of rest, because on a Friday the first man was formed in flesh and on a Friday the first man departed out of flesh and ascended unto his father God Allah, for that cause Friday is the Holy Day for all Moslems all over the world.

**ACT 3.**—Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice must be proclaimed and practised by all members of the Moorish Science Temple of America. No member is to put in danger or accuse falsely his brother or sister on any occasion at all that may harm his brother or sister, because Allah is Love.

**ACT 4.**—All members must preserve these Holy and Divine laws, and all members must obey the laws of the government, because by being a Moorish American, you are a part and partial of the government, and must live the life accordingly.

**ACT 5.**—This organization of the Moorish Science Temple of America is not to cause any confusion or to overthrow the laws and constitution of the said government but to obey hereby.



**NOBLE DREW ALI**  
Founder

**ACT 6.**—With us all members must proclaim their nationality and we are teaching our people their nationality and their Divine Creed that they may know that they are a part and a partial of this said government, and know that they are not Negroes, Colored Folks, Black People or Ethiopians, because these names were given to slaves by slave holders in 1779 and lasted until 1865 during the time of slavery, but this is a new era of time now, and all men now must proclaim their free national name to be recognized by the government in which they live and the nations of the earth, this is the reason why Allah the Great God of the universe ordained Noble Drew Ali, the Prophet to redeem his people from their sinful ways. The Moorish Americans are the descendants of the ancient Moabites whom inhabited the North Western and South Western shores of Africa.

**ACT 7.**—All members must promptly attend their meetings and become a part and a partial of all uplifting acts of the Moorish Science Temple of America. Members must pay their dues and keep in line with all necessities of the Moorish Science Temple of America, then you are entitled to the name of, "Faithful". Husband, you must support your wife and children; wife you must obey your husband and take care of your children and look after the duties of your household. Sons and daughters must obey father and mother and be industrious and become a part of the uplifting of fallen humanity. All Moorish Americans must keep their hearts and minds pure with love, and their bodies clean with water. This Divine Covenant is from your Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, thru the guidance of his Father God Allah.

**MOORISH AMERICAN PRAYER**  
Allah the Father of the universe, the Father of Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. Allah is my protector, my guide and my salvation by night and by day thru his Holy Prophet Drew Ali. "Amen."

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**THE MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE OF AMERICA**  
Divine Constitution Introduced at 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention



## Moorish Convention A Big Success



The first Annual National Convention of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., was without doubt the greatest success of any Convention that has been held in Chicago in many a day. There were delegates from fifteen different states. All came as was expected by the prophet although many of the temples did not represent according to the numerical strength of them. The program as was dictated by the Prophet was followed in detail and everything went as was expected. The opening of the session was the registration of delegates and visitors at the general headquarters, 3140 Indiana Ave, There were more than three thousand delegates and visitors from out of the city. The 'main auditorium of the Temple was crowded to its capacity every night. The day sessions were given over largely to the business of the different Temples. The Moroccan costumes worn by the members of the Moorish Science Temple was a very different, but striking scene during the convention and made every one know that, the Prophet had introduced a new feature in the apparel of the organization that distinguished it to the public as nothing else could.



October 15 through 20, 1928

## MONDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Temple was beautifully decorated in lovely roses of white and red. The roses were designed in the form of the Crescent and Star, and Chair of the Prophet was a Mass of White roses. There was a testimonial meeting and a sister from Temple #5 gave a speech titled: "I am glad I am not a Negro"; Jesus passed this way before. Afterward, **Governor Garner-Bey, Temple 4, Detroit, Michigan** was introduced, He said, "I am here because of the Prophet, and he proceeded with a most excellent speech. The Prophet Noble Drew Ali and a number of Governors and Grand Sheiks came in dressed in costumes representing the Nations of the World. The Prophet leads the group. The spirit of the Prophet filled the Temple for a long time; such rejoicing, you never heard. Afterwards, the Governor Garner-Bey proceeded with his speech. He emphasized recognition; his speech was a master piece. Then, **Brother W. Smith-Bey of Pittsburg, Pa.**, was present, he sued for his subject, "The Spirit of Unity"; how our hearts burned, while he talked. The Moors then sung, "Shine on me". At this point we were in the midst of a glorious meeting. **Grand Governor J. Lomas-Bey of Detroit, Michigan, Temple 4** was present. He said, "When the Prophet speaks through us, we feel no fear." He used for his subject: "My Father and I are one". He proceed by saying, "I cried for this message; prayed, bore the cross for this message, but we had to wait on our Prophet Noble Drew Ali, who is shaking every government. **Grand Governor Lomas-Bey** was caught up in the spirit, and he spoke as never before also he directed the song "Free at Last". He said the spirit of resurrection is in the land, and we are rising out of the grave, one by one. There was a song by **Sister Mince-Bey** and two little girls; they are from Temple 3, Milwaukee, Wise, the song was "Who is Noble Drew Ali ?" The words were touching, the **Prophet Noble Drew Ali** came forward and said: *"The garment I have on represents power and if you obey my voice you will have power with me. I an going to free you, though it is hard because of your mixture which brings about many different spirits. When you fail to hear my voice, you are lost. It is against the law to stand up in any audience intoxicated. The leader is not to stay out all night giving earning away to someone else. You who are heads of temples, it is easy for you to destroy the influence of the temple; now lace up your shoes and get right?"*

## TUESDAY P.M. SESSION

We assembled at 3 P.M. **Governor E. Mealy-El, Temple 1, Chicago, Illinois** opened the meeting. **Governor Gamer-Bey** made the opening address. **Grand Governor J Lomax-Bey of Michigan** took charge, reporting the work of Temple 4 and its commercial enterprises. Temple 4, Sunday school was represented by Sister M. Sanifer-El. The work was represented in its fullest extent. The temple was spiritually and financially represented by **Brother J. Lomax-Bey, G.G.** The report was a credit to the temple. **Brother Trailer Bey** and others gave short speeches, and then the Prophet spoke: A collection was taken.

## TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

On Tuesday night was held the formal opening with many prominent speakers, among whom were **Alderman Louis B, Anderson** who delivered the welcome address to the delegates, and visitors. **Dr. C. V. Roman of the Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee**, was a pleasant surprise speaker, who was in the city in the interest of the Congressional Campaign, of Oscar DePriest. **Hon. Daniel Ma Jackson** was absent because of business with the government at Springfield, Illinois, but was represented by **Atty, Aaron Payne**, who delivered a very forceful address, touching on many things interesting to the Moorish Americans. He said, "I don't know a moment of my life that I have been more happier then now. His speech was of the highest type. Hon George W. Blackburn, Representative of Chicago, Ill., said, "I am here to serve you. We are all Moorish Americans!" Notwithstanding the fact Hon. Oscar DePriest as well as Alderson was, very busy with the campaign, they took time to stay throughout the meeting. There were some other speakers that proceeded the Holy Prophet. **Governor Pilot Bey of New Jersey** came forward, using for his subject, "Let the Moors Lead." Some day the Moors will lead the world back to love. One half of the wisdom of Noble Drew Ali has never been told. Nations crying for peace, but out Prophet declares there shall never be peace until the world has accepted Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. The **president of the State Band of Chicago** was introduced and proceeded by saying: "I don't want my job, if I can't serve you all. If I can serve you all, it is not worthy of being open. I am the closes man to your Temple and I am going to follow him too. The **Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali** arose and declared: *"you stop figuring out your way, how your salvation will come. Just follow me you can say one thing Moors, you have made a start for the kingdom; if you want success, you must follow the Prophet.*

*Husbands take care of your wives, and families; wives keep your homes and children clean."* His talk was wonderful. **Governor Mealy-El, Temple One, Chicago, 111.**, said, there is just one way for the Asiatic; one religion, Islamism; one God, Allah and one destiny. Afterward we were favor with a musical presentation by the Chicago Brass Band. **Prophet Noble Drew Ali** came forward again and said many good things. He said", *I have done more then you think I want: you to help me by your good deeds of living at home, and abroad. It is through your good, not with your lips: trying to be the front seat in everything; always standing in my face. Moors be careful of your steps Leaders of Temples must be careful how they walk; hey must be an example. I am not asleep; it will take you Moors a long time to find out what I did today". When you all go home don't start no stuff, for I will be right there listening at you"*. The closing address was delivered by the **Hon. Oscar DePreist**. He outlined very simply, but forcefully the matters involved in the Congressional Campaign of the first Asiatic Congressman. **Hon. George W, Blackwell**, state Representative, and a strong member of the Temple, explained the economic situation as it relates to the Moorish Americans, his was a very interesting address. The meeting was extremely enthusiastic. It could be easily seen that the Moorish Americans caught the spirit of the speaker and demonstrated it

## THE MOORISH AMERICAN PARADE

On Wednesday at 2 o'clock more than three thousand Moorish Americans in Moroccan costumes and each carrying a flag of the Nation of their forefathers, which is the Moorish flag and an American flag on their right, assembled at 37th and Federal St, where they have purchased a Temple sight, and there, after having a group picture , which was very colorful, formed for the parade. The **Prophet Noble Drew Ali**, in securing a permit for the parade also secured a squad of European can police to accompany his car in the parade. The line of March was from 37th and Federal streets east to Wabash and north on Wabash a 32nd street then to the Temple at 3140 Indiana Avenue. It was one of the most beautiful parades that had been held in Chicago for a number of years. It was stated by all of the leading newspapers of the city. This parade did much to inform those who were not acquainted with the movement, as to the aims and purposed of the Moorish Science Temple of America. Many citizens had never seen so many Moorish Americans dressed in Moroccan costume, therefore voiced their hearty approval.







**Prophet Noble Drew Ali with Convention Delegates and Temple Officials**



**Hon. Oscar De Priest**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SEESION

**Grand Governor Crumby Bey of Pittsburg, Pa.,** presided. There was a befitting program that was rendered by members of Temple 5, Pittsburg, Pa., which consisted of reading, a quartette and reports of the Temple.

## THURSDAY PM SESSION

There was a testimonial service, **Bro. Trailer Bey of Philadelphia, Pa.** came forward and said, "Be careful what you say, how you say, when you say and where you say". **Governor White Bey of Charleston, West VA,** said when I accepted my Nationality, people called me crazy. If Islamism would make you go crazy, we all should go crazy. He listed for his subject, "For what cause are we here? "To take our mind back to Islamism that we may be able to function under the five greatest principles that the world has ever known. **Sister. Smith Bey of Baltimore, Md.** made a very nice talk. There was a talk by **Sister Thompkin El of Detroit, Mich., Temple 4,** which was very good. **Bro. Ross Bey,** spoke, saying that Edison solved big problems by giving a little bit to forty different men all coming together. **Grand Governor Lomax Bey,** who spoke out of soul. There was a solo by a little girl from Temple One., Chicago, IL. There was a reading by **Sister Pearl, AIL, Sister. Lomax Bey, Temple 4, Detriot, Mich., sang a solo. The Prophet Noble Drew Ali** came forward and said, *"This is no social Organization. It is a Divine and National Movement He went on to say: "By you being born here don't make you a citizen. "Look what I have on, now this was handed to me by the government; it represents the ROYAL PRINCE."*



**Prophet Noble Drew Ali, The Royal Prince**

Moors are men, upright, independent, and fearless who care for their loved ones and follows the Prophet to a destiny which is not uncertain nor unknown. They are fortified by the impregnable doctrine built upon love, truth, peace, freedom and justice. It is therefore, folly at its greatest height for smelly culprits with their industrious plan to invade such realm. They try and try but their own bad planning brings down wrath upon their heads like the sword old Damocles had. I intrigue and scurrilous cunnings find a difficult path to travel within the ranks of the floors. This is so because the Moorish Movement has been well planned by Prophet Noble Drew Ali, whose latent powers are abundant, Unknown and may be called into action, as a matter of defense, at any moment. Prophet Noble Drew All knows the people within his ranks who are interested. They are vanguard of the Movement as the Moorish hordes increase here in America. All of the Moors are active not passive. A member's interest can only be in one direction and having traveled over the road years before the Prophet knows where every member is along its road. A few feet below is another road where schemers walk, where traitors grin, and culprits bask in the sun. They think they are on the same road with true Moors, but the Moors are high above on a pinnacle where they might view the destructionists as they fall for the last time. And their bones bleach in the sultry mid-day sun. Hungry scavengers flying high, catch scent, devour and leave crying out: Caveat Emptor— cast out-the dead carcass. The Moors high above see these plotters, surveyors, the worst that exists hurl themselves downward by their own works as the hawks wait. All governors and other officers of the Moorish Science Temple are hereby congratulated for their past loyalty and fidelity, for I know it will be the same in the future. Because of certain incidents that have risen in some of the temples which seem to come from the fact that there are those who do not know where the seat of power is vested in the Prophet Noble Drew Ali and those whom He Appoints To Act As In The Supreme Body. The Prophet Has Authority and power to expel any officer or member of the Moorish Science Temple of America, who willfully violates or refuses to comply with the rules in regard to branch Moorish Science Temple, and such suspensions and expulsions shall stand until in the judgment of the Prophet, the members and officers shall have made satisfactory atonement. All officers and members of the Moorish Science Temple of America and any such rules and regulations of the constitution shall be in writing and not at variance with any law of the city, town or nation which the Prophet shall declare law.

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The treasurer will tend to the responsibility of seeing that the money is in the bank, yes, and under the name of the Moorish Science Temple of America Finance. When needed, act according to the law pertaining to the procedure of performing an Emergency Act. No head of any said Temple is to borrow from any member more than five to ten dollars unless by notification of the Prophet, the necessity for the loan. When any said Temple desires to purchase property they must first notify the Grand Body or the Prophet and it must be purchased under the name of the Moorish Science Temple of America or Noble Drew Ali. An individual's name should never be applied. I, Noble Drew Ali, am responsible for all finance, so therefore let I, the Prophet, know what is on me. Some of you have slipped and slipped drastically, so you had better lace up your shoes before I get there. Everything, every business transaction or anything pertaining to finance is to be transacted in the name of the Moorish Science Temple of America, or Noble Drew Ali.



We Moors must maintain a grand treasurer, just as in the days of our forefathers; then you are a nation—until then, you are nothing. The Emergency-Fund is issued by no book, but by an emergency card punched according to contribution, then marked on book; that is the law, and the law must live. The government is behind me, and I must get behind you. For I must uphold and enforce the law, my mission is to save you Moors. The heads of all Temples, Grand Sheiks, Grand Sheikess must confirm to the Divine principles: Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom, and Justice. They must live the life among the members and be loved even as the Prophet is loved.

They must not practice the principle of segregation among any group in his or her Temple. Let it be he or she that is head of any Temple of the Moorish science Temple of America that if there should come any grievance that cannot be settled by the head, then notify the Prophet at once. No member is to attend Adept Chamber that has not lived a moral and clean life, and has not paid his or her dues or assessments, providing that he or she is working or able, cannot consider himself a Moor. But traitors must be excluded from the books after having fair trial by the head of their Temple, and that must be sent into the Grand Body. And all members that are able to, subscribe towards the uplifting fund because it takes finance to uplift a nation. And those that are able and fail to act, are not Moors, but traitors to their cause and trust and their nation and are not allowed to share all the Moorish honors and the penalty is -It is embezzlement of the faith of our creed. All heads of all Temples must observe these laws After the convention, Noble Drew Ali, began his three week tour of the fifteen subordinate temples. This tour, in the opinion of some admires, won him national and international acclaim. The Saturday, November 24th, 1928 edition of the Chicago Defender and Tribune newspapers carried noted articles of this historic event.

The following is part of an article written by the Defender:

**"Moorish leader on tour visits subordinate bodies -Prophet Noble Drew Ali, founder and leader of the Moorish Science Temple of America, left Saturday to visit the members of 15 Moorish Science Temples, which are organized in fifteen different states. He is accompanied by Richard H. Ross Bay, editor of the Moorish Guide, a bi-weekly publication of the organization. Up to date, Detroit, Newark and Philadelphia has been visited. During this special tour emphasis is being put on the importance of ... strict adherence to the Constitution and-By Laws adopted during the First Annual Moorish Convention. The message of the Prophet, published by the Guide ...has received very favorable comments. Mrs. Pearl Drew Ali, National Secretary and Treasurer, said, "Members are responding encouragingly to the per capital tax system adopted at the convention". It is believed Prophet Drew Ali will seek an interview with Governor Len Small upon his return to Chicago.**

As the year drew to its end, the progress of the Prophet and his Movement seem to turn for the worst. Just as Prophet Jesus was betrayed and killed by those he came to save; Prophet Mohammad poisoned by those he brought the light of Islam. Noble Drew Ali, too, would have to suffer at the hands of those he came to uplift. Needless to say, the progress of the Moorish Science Temple of America soon became stagnated. The organization was beset with several internal conflicts and struggles for power.

Prophet Noble Drew Ali issued several warnings and proclamations. Nevertheless, he was forced to call a special meeting. Someone had embezzled more than \$8,000 of the organization's funds and there was even a plot to overthrow the Prophet. When the Supreme Grand Council of the Moorish Movement convened, it was discovered that the embezzlement and plot centered around two members. A proclamation was later drawn up terminating the membership of Brother J. Lomax-Bay and Brother C. D. Greene-Bey for their involvement in the plot. The report went on to say that after it was learnt that Brother Greene-Bay had some of the strongest temples in the organization, the Prophet became alarmed and called a special meeting of those loyal to his leadership. The murder was allegedly plotted during this meeting. Sheik Small-Bey would later testify to the police that Sheik I. Johnson-Bey approached him asking him to remove Brother Greene-Bey. He, according to Sheik Small-Bey, offered to pay the expenses of a court trial if he should be arrested in the matter. The police had difficulty obtaining collaborating statements from other members of the organization. However, they did discover that Grand Governor J. Lornax-Bey, Grand Sheik, subordinate temple #4 in Detroit was a marked man. And, that Brother Lomax-Bey was allied with Brother Greene-Bey to establish a rival organization. Brother Greene-Bey, who was Supreme Business Manager, is said to have known many of the Prophet's inner most secrets. When the split came ***Brother Greene-Bey notified the Prophet that he would have to move his Headquarters out of the Unity Club.*** Police were also able to obtain from internal sources, a proclamation bearing the signatures of Grand Governor T. Crumby-Bey, Governor C. Child-Bey, Supreme Grand Sheik E. Mealy-El and Prophet Noble Draw Ali dismissing both Lomax-Bey and Greene-Bey from the Moorish organization. ***It was this document and Sheik Small-Bey's testimony that caused them to originally charge the Prophet in this matter.***

On March 22, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan, while addressing a meeting in temple #4, someone fired several shots barely missing Brother Lomax-Bey. Within the temple a confrontation broke out between followers of Brother Lomax-Bey and those loyal to Prophet Noble Drew Ali. When the confrontation got out of control police were called to the scene. In the wake of the clash, two police were wounded and two Moors (Brother S.Stone-Bey and Brother Z. Lowe-Bay) were badly hurt. However, Lomax-Bey would escape unharmed. In fact, he would later leave the country, finally settling in Turkey. In a separate police report, a man fitting the description of Brother I. Johnson-Bey was seen making a phone call cross the street from the temple (#4).



The report went on say that a collect call was made from this same phone booth to one of the subordinate temples in Chicago. In the meantime, riots broke out in subordinate temples in Kansas City and Pittsburgh. A schism had set in the Moorish Movement that would take more than 50 years to resolve. As the news of these events spread throughout the Moorish Movement, members in the various subordinate temples became outraged. For some, the matter was beyond belief; Lomax-Bey was the Grand Governor of Detroit and Greene-Bey, Supreme Business Manager for the organization. The **Moorish Prophet Noble Drew Ali** would later declare, *"Chicago is doomed and Detroit must go down for what they did (have done) to I, your Prophet."* In an earlier proclamation (January 1929) the **Prophet warned**: *"We are for love, truth, peace and freedom, and when these principles are violated justice must than take its course"*. A thorough reading of the Moorish doctrine clearly reveals that "justice" in this context is "divine". Nevertheless, some members begged to differ, allowing their outrage to take physical action. On the night of Thursday, March 21, 1929, at about 8 PM things went out of control, Sheik Greene-Bey was shot and stabbed several times by four outraged members of the organization. The so-called hit squad came in Sheik Greene-Bey's private office on the 1st floor of the Unity Club and sought conference with him. It is reported that one of the men suggested the use of a room on the second floor, to which Sheik Greene-Bey agreed. Minutes later, two shots were fired and the men came running down the stairs disappearing into the street. Within an hour police arrested more than 47 members of the organization for questioning. Among them was Brother S. Jackson-Bey, later to be identified as one of the hit squad. The police, would also receive a tip *that Small-Bey, a former member*, had valuable information about the hit. Upon questioning, Small-Bay willingly consented to tell everything that he new. He went on to name Sheik Ira Johnson-Bey, a member of the Prophet's security squad as the key man. However, Johnson-Bey was not located during the police dragnet. Small-Bey would also tell of a split that had developed in the Moorish organization. According to him, Sheik Greene-Bey was allied with the fraction opposing the Prophet. As a result of this split the Prophet had supposedly sent to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to get the assistance of the Moorish Grand Governor there, T. Crumby-Bey. **When the Prophet was finally questioned by authorities he stated that he knew nothing about a hit squad or the murder. He added that Grand Governor Crumby-Bey had left the city on Monday, March 18, 1929.**



With all the information that the police, had uncovered, no one was prosecuted. All those who were taken in the "police dragnet" had to be released for lack of evidence. However, prior to Noble Drew Ali's release on bail, he issued the following:

*To the Heads of All Temples, Islam:*

*"I, your Prophet, do hereby and now write you a letter as a warning and appeal to your good judgment for the present and the future. Though I am now in custody for you and the cause, it is all right and it is well for all who still believe in me and my Father-God Allah. I have redeemed all of you and you shall be saved, all of you, even with me. I go to bat Monday, May 20, before the Grand Jury. If you are with me, be there. Hold on and keep the faith, and great shall be your reward. Remember my laws and love ye one another. Prefer not a stranger to your brother. Love and truth and Peace I leave all. Peace from Your Prophet,*

*Noble Drew Ali."*

The Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, who had not been well, since the death of Brother Greene-Bey, died mysteriously shortly after his release from jail. All "theories" of his death point to at least three possibilities: He either died from injuries inflicted by police during his imprisonment or was killed by followers loyal to Claude Greene-Bey. However, in the words of one of his faithful followers, "his health went bad on him; his time had just come." In any case, on **Saturday, "July 20, 1929, at 9:50 PM., he died. At his bedside were Dr. Clarence Payne-El, Attorney Aaron Payne-El, his father-in-law, Sheik G Foreman-Bey and wife, Sheikess Mary Drew Ali.** According to his *death certificate filed by Dr. C. Payne cause of death was "Tuberculosis Bronchus-Pneumonia. The body was placed in the Frank Edwards' undertaking parlor, 4136 Michigan Ave. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 26, 1929 at 1:30 PM, in the Python Temple building, .37th Place and State street.* Representatives from offices all over the United States attended the Prophet's last rites. The body was finally laid to rest in **Barr Oak, Cemetery - Acacia Lawn, Lot 44, Grave 7.**

## Headlines and Important Information

### **Sheik Aaron Payne-El, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supreme Business Manager of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., 1929**

1. Aaron H. Payne (1901 to 1994) was a Chicago-area attorney and civic activist. As an attorney, he represented Joe Louis, Nat King Cole, and Josephine Baker, among others. Mr. Payne was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 1, 1901. He received his primary education in Louisville, Kentucky and his secondary education at the State Normal School in Frankfurt, Kentucky. **In 1922, he received his A.B. degree in Liberal Arts from Howard University in Washington, DC.** While attending Howard University, he was a member of the undefeated, and never scored upon, football team of 1920-1921. He was given honorable mention in Walter Camp's 1920-1921 All American Football and picked for the Negro All-American Team. Upon graduating, Payne accepted a job teaching at Virginia Union University. In 1926, after studying law at the University of Chicago Law School, he was admitted to the Bar of the State of Illinois. Three years later **Payne served as Assistant City Prosecutor, Assistant Corporate Counsel, and Arbitrator for the Illinois Industrial Commission.** In addition, he served for several years as **a member of the Legal Staff of the Chicago Transit Authority.** Later, Payne started his own legal practice. As an independent attorney, he represented heavyweight boxing champ Joe Louis in a legal matter involving problems with the Internal Revenue Service. Additionally, he represented singer-songwriter Nat King Cole in a discrimination matter taken up against the Hoffman Hotel Company. Throughout Payne's career he was involved in politics, working in the 1930s as an assistant to **Alderman Louis B. Anderson.**



Alderman Louis B. Anderson

**Note:** Alderman Louis B. Anderson was the Opening Speaker at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Convention of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. It has been argued by some that Anderson was a member of the Moorish Science Temple. There is an article in the Moorish Guide, February 2, 1929: Headlines read: “Elect Anderson – Prophet – urges all moors to support their friend”

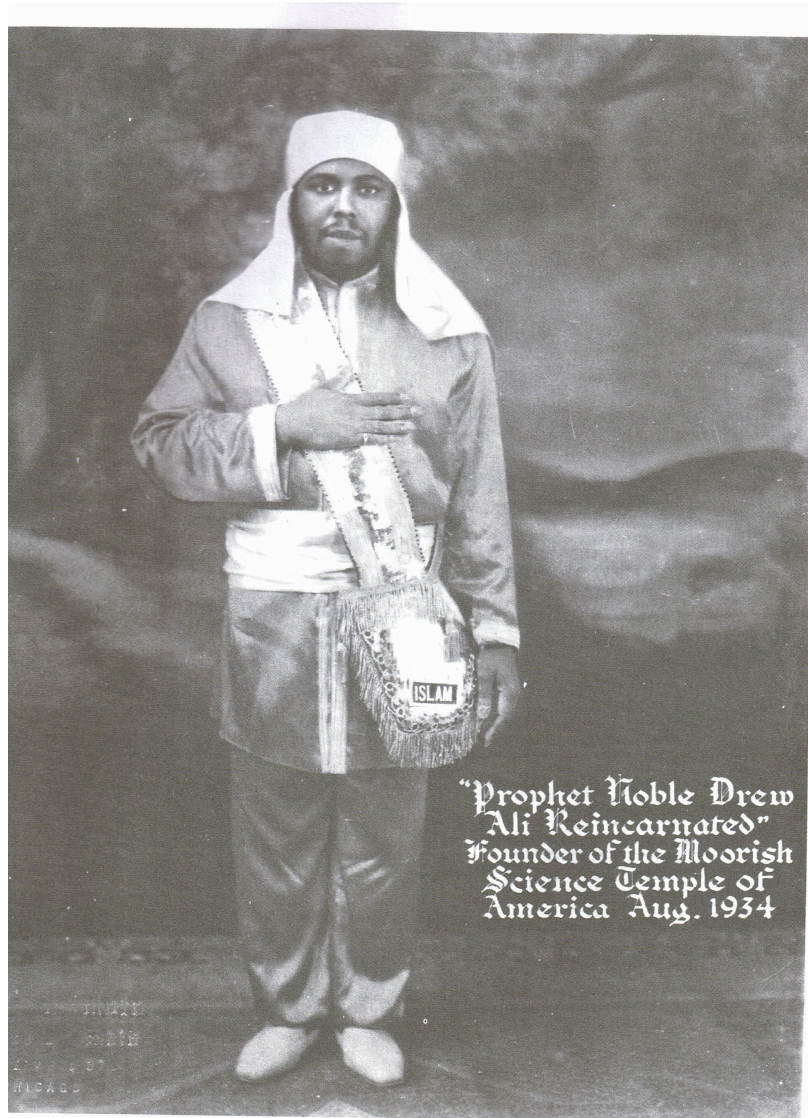
In 1935, he ran for the office of 2nd Ward Alderman, but was defeated by William Dawson. (Note: William Dawson was legal Council for the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., he represented both the Prophet Noble Drew Ali and Sheik I. Johnson-Bey in the Illinois Court system. He was also present at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Convention of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.) In 1960, Payne sat for one term on the Sanitary District Civil Service Board. Payne was also an active member of a number of civic and community groups which included: NAACP, Chicago Urban League, Fourth Ward Regular Democratic Organization, Defense Lawyers Association, and Hyde Park Neighborhood. Sheik A. Payne-El remained a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., until his passing.

**2. Chicago Defender Headlines read:** Drew Ali, arrested as he sat with his wife and a group of followers celebrating (authorities charged) the murder of his rival, was **defended by Attorneys Aaron Payne and William L. Dawson, members who later gained political prominence.** After Prophet Noble Drew Ali's death Attorney Aaron Payne attempted unsuccessfully to hold the group together. (*Sheik A. Payne-El is the brother pictured leading the Prophet's funeral procession, wearing the Apron and Gloves.*) Several of the Prophet's disciples announced that they alone were the rightful inheritor of Noble Drew Ali's leadership. Brother John Givens El (formerly Noble Drew Ali's chauffeur) and Ira Johnson Bey (who had been imported from Pittsburgh to assist in quelling the Greene revolt) each conceived the idea that the dead leader's spirit entered his body. Johnson-Bey, a man of action, invaded the office of Mealy El, another aspirant, and demanded recognition as Grand Sheik. Mealy El demurred and received a terrific mauling. Johnson-Bey then dispatched his henchmen to kidnap Kirkman Bey, who claimed possession of Noble Drew Ali's last will and testament.

**3.** The leader of each of the bickering factions has striven in vain to build up an organization as powerful (and as lucrative) as the parent body disrupted by internal warfare and the death of Drew Ali.

According to Attorney Aaron Payne, the Prophet Noble Drew Ali in one year amassed a fortune of \$36,000 and commanded a membership of 12,000 [in Chicago alone]. Politicians respected and courted him, and *Oscar de Priest, Congressman, was reputed to have joined the organization.*

**Controversy in Leadership:**



**Sheik J. Givens-El (declared that he was Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Reincarnated)**

Eighteen days after the passing of the Moorish Prophet, a member of Chicago's subordinate temple #1, declared that the spirit of the Prophet had reincarnated into his form. This man was George Givens-El (aka John Givens-El, John Gibbons-El), born December 6, 1904, in Sumter, South Carolina.



Upon coming of age he traveled west, finally settling hi Chicago, Illinois where he joined the Moorish Movement in 1925. After a brief period in the temple, he was initiated into its Adept Chambers. He also served as the chauffeur-mechanic for the Prophet Noble Drew Ali. However, it was reported by his followers; one day while working on the Prophet's automobile, shortly after his death, Givens-El fainted. When his eyes were examined; "He had the sign Of the star and crescent in one eye and the circle seven in the other eye, right then, they knew that the Prophet had reincarnated into his chauffeur." During the 2nd Annual National Convention of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Givens-El would once again make his declaration of reincarnation.





It was September 19, 1929, the Moorish convention was entering its final hours, lengthy discussions had been held concerning the leadership of the organization. Grand Sheik E.Mealy-El rose to his feet and gave a speech concerning the Prophet's last instructions. The Prophet had declared Grand Sheik E. Mealy-El his successor and left instructions for the faithful to unite under his leadership. Supreme Grand Sheik Mealy-El went on to explain that he understood that "Satan" was trying to undo what the Prophet had built. But," Noble Drew Ali is a true and divine Prophet and his words would be carried out".



It is reported that Brother Mealy-El, in an attempt to strengthen his own position, nominated Charles Kirkman-Bey as "Grand Advisor" of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. (This nomination according to some Moorish American Historians was the result of behind the sence pressure by a number of Governors) This nomination would make Kirkman-Bey second in command behind Mealy-El. A number of delegates flatly rejected the nomination. Attorney Aaron Payne-El, 2nd Supreme Business Manager, stormed out of the convention carrying the Moorish Charter. Bro. Ira Johnson-Bey and a number of others sheiks became outraged and left the convention. It was around this time that Givens-El entered the convention hall.





Walking straight to the platform, he seated himself in the "Vacant Chair" and declared, "I am back". He, then said, I am the Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Reincarnated and Prophet Noble Drew Ali, the Founder; we two are one and the same. A silence fell over the convention hall. However, a vote was finally called, two-thirds of the delegates voted to make Brother C. Kirkman-Bey, Supreme Grand Advisor, second to Brother E. Mealy-El, Supreme Grand Sheik and Chairman.. Nevertheless, by the end of September, a number of subordinate temples would began to follow Givens-El as Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Reincarnated. (According to those who follow Brother Givens-El, when he enter the convention hall, the leaders were dividing the Prophet's finances and Movement, each claiming a part, when he declared, I am back, returning peace and order to the convention).





**Sheik Givens-El aka Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Reincarnated and his followers.**

On Monday, September 23, 1929, just days after the convention, a group of men entered the home Of attorney Aaron Payne-El; with pistols drawn they demanded the Moorish Charter. ...Payne-El's wife, was upstairs, overhearing the conversation, she immediately called the police.



Upon the arrival of the police the men surrendered and were later identified as J. Davis-Bey, J. Mosby-El, J. Johnson-Bey and J. Givens-El. Following this arrest, a police guard was stationed at the home of attorney Payne-El. On the morning of September 25, 1929, another group of men entered the home of Charles Kirkman-Bey; They ordered him to stop eating and come with them. They said, "We have orders to bring you back dead or alive". When Kirkman-Bey's wife objected, the gunmen threaten her life. Seizing Kirkman-Bey they dragged him out to a waiting car. Meanwhile, his wife rushed to the phone and called the police, informing them that she believed ' that her husband was being held at the Moorish headquarters. When the police arrived at the organizations headquarters Kirkman-Bey" could not be found. Police later received a tip that M. Jackson-Bey was one of the kidnappers. When first questioned, Jackson-Bey refused to talk but later agreed to take them to where Kirkman-Bey was being held. This information leads police to a subordinate temple at 4137 South Parkway. As police approach the temple shooting immediately begun. It is reported that more than a hundred shots were fired. When police finally gained control and entered the temple they found Ira Johnson-Bey on the 2nd floor where he surrendered without struggle. His partner, J Stevenson-Bey, decided to shoot it out with the police and was killed. On the third floor, police seized D. Jackson-Bey, the son of M. Jackson-Bey. Following this incident, sixty-four members of the Moorish Movement were taken into custody and questioned. Among those arrested were A. Payne-El and E. Mealy-El, Grand Sheik, It is reported that the police ransacked the Moorish headquarters finding the names and addresses of members in the Chicago area. When Moorish leaders began to protest and demand that police leave they were threatened with arrest. The following day, State's Attorney John Swanson announced that he would legally seek to break up the Movement. The Chicago Defender's front page carried an editorial entitled: "Stamp Out This Tribe!" It called the Moors a vicious gang of irresponsible fanatics who demonstrated a disregard for human life. Ironically, the same Chicago Defender would admit two decades later that "the police involved in the case did not respond diplomatically in handling the Moors and as a result a number of police and Moors were slain". The Defender concluded, "The Moors are not people to be fooled with". At the coroner's inquest Ira Johnson-Bey, who supposedly admitted to killing one of the police, refused to testify on the stand?

He said, he would do his talking when the time was right. However, after Kirkman-Bey and several police related their stories of the kidnapping and double murders; another member of the Moorish Movement identified Johnson-Bey as one of the men who killed Claude D. Greene-Bey. Sheik Ira Johnson-Bey decided to talk relating that he had aspired to become the "Grand Advisor" of the organization. When the Prophet's successor, Supreme Grand Sheik Mealy-El nominated Kirkman-Bey, with the **Supreme Council** later approving, he became very disappointed. He confessed that he had intended to seize Kirkman-Bey's certificate which had the signatures of the **21 Moorish Governors (This certificate was important because it contained the names of those who secretly met with Brother Mealy-El , demanding that Brother Kirkman-Bey be appointed head of the Movement.)** In order to accomplish his purpose, he sent four henchmen with orders to bring Kirkman-Bey dead or alive and by all means get the certificate. By the end of 1929, a number of members had been sent to prison. The struggle over leadership seemingly came to an end. In retrospect, Brother Mealy-El was the first Grand Sheik of the first temple of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science in Chicago, Il. All were titled Governors before the title Grand Sheik became widely used. Brother Mealy-El was appointed by the Prophet as General Chairman of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science and was appointed by the Prophet to the Supreme Grand Council. He was appointed as Supreme Grand Sheik of the Moorish Holy Temple of Science, officially known as the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. Nevertheless, 1929 would be the beginning of a number of court battles to defend that position. Sister Mary Drew Ali, daughter of Sheik G. Foreman-Bey, tried to hold the Movement together by writing a number of letters calling for the unity and assistance of the faithful Moors. In one of these letters she wrote, "Our Grand Sheik is in the lion's den (jail) and the demons are' everywhere, trying to tear down the Movement". Instead of uniting the Moors, these letters prepared the ground for a number of plots to overthrow and take control of the Movement. Shortly after Mealy-El's release from prison, one of these plots came to manifest. **(A number of Sheiks and Sheikess called for a private meeting with Brother Mealy-El , demanding that Brother Kirkman-Bey be appointed had of the Movement.)** It would later be identified as a plot: The members of subordinate temples #3, #4, #7, #9, #15 and #18 had developed a plot to take control of the Movement and appoint Kirkman-Bey as Supreme leader. A. number of decree(s), petition(s) and Affidavits) began to flood the court. On **February 13, 1931**, J. Jones-Bey filed a petition against Grand Sheik E. Mealy-El.

This petition was followed by another filed on **Feb. 25, 1932** by Kirkman-Bey and one jointly by S. Lovett-Bey and T. Crumby-Bey in 1933. Each of these petitions called for the removal of Grand Sheik Mealy-El and the" appointment of Kirkman-Bey as Supreme leader. In an effort to regain control Mealy-El had several of these petitions and injunctions vacated.



**Supreme Grand Sheik Edward Mealy-El & Supreme Grand Advisor Charles Kirkman-Bey**

The injunction filed by S. Lovett-Bey and T. Crumby-Bey was vacated on November 22, 1933. Nevertheless, it was this injunction that caused the irreparable damage, giving Kirkman-Bey time to reorganize and the upper hand. It was around this time that Kirkman-Bey began using the title: Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator. He began issuing several proclamations calling for the reorganization of the Moors under the corporate name: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. He explained that the corporate files were now registered in his name and that the strongest temples in the nation were united under his leadership.

With this move he claimed supreme leader-ship, "**Sultan**" of the Moorish Movement. In fact, the Annual National Convention of 1933 was called : The Sixth Annual National Convention of the **Moorish Holy Temple of Science and the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.** At this point, Mealy-El's power was almost totally diminished and Givens-El had become silent. Many had forgotten the empty roll call, absentees and void credentials of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, September 1930. Even the attempt to change the errors of the 1929 Convention, had become lost in the struggle to control the Movement. Brother Mealy-El's only hold was his possession of the original Moorish Seals, original Koran Questions, Adept book, early convention minutes, Rules and Regulations and corporate files for the years 1928 to 1933. These items would be later passed on to his wife and family upon his death. His wife would refuse to turn these items over to Kirkman-Bey. It is reported that the Mealy-El family would go underground with these valuable items. His grandson would surface in the late 1980's as the Supreme Grand Sheik of those remaining faithful to Brother E. Mealy-El's leadership. Nevertheless, he would remain helpless in the Uniting of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. In the meantime, there were those Moors jumping from one side to another. Convention minutes/programs for 1930 – 33 reveal that a number of high Moorish were attending conventions under Brother E. Mealy-El and Brother C. Kirman-Bey. However, by the convention of September 1935, many those beleived to be faithful to Brother Mealy-El had also united under his leadership. The organization originally founded by Noble Drew Ali for the unity and salvation of his people had become two separate fractions or at least, it appeared that way. One group would follow the leadership of Sheik C. Kirkman-Bey and the other, the leadership of Sheik J. Givens-El as Prophet Noble Drew Ail, Reincarnated. Still in the shadows were Grand Temple #1. This was brother Mealy-El home-base temple. Brother E. Mealy-El was the Governor of Temple #1, acknowledged by all as being the 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Sheik of the organization, others say Holy Temple of Science. In either case, he was made/raised to Supreme Grand Sheik, by the Prophet Noble Drew Ali.

According to some Moorish American authorities, the line of leadership from that point should read: Brother E. Mealy-El, 1928 to Nov. 1934; Brother W. Morris-El, Nov. 1934 to October 1935; Brother E. Walton-Bey, October 1935 to August 1936; Brother W. Harlan-Bey, August 1936 to June 1944; Brother O. Lewis-El, June 1944 to Nov. 1968; Brother D. Bailey-El, Nov. 1968 to October 1992; Brother P. Davis-El, October 1992 to Nov. 1997 and Brother E. Brasswell-Bey, Nov. 1997 to the present. All of these Moors worn the title: Supreme Grand Sheik. (Note: There are those who dispute this line, especially the leadership of Brother Brasswell-Bey. )

According to some, Brother Brasswell-Bey was appointed 8<sup>th</sup> Supreme Grand Sheik, outside of the Divine constitution and By Laws. In fact, disagreement gave birth to the now Moorish Science Temple of America, 1928 Portion. Its leader, is Grand Sheik Waleed Abdul Naeen Bey but its most outspoken official and field warrior is Chief Minister Ra Saadi-El. The latter, Brother Ra Saadi El has been a member of at least two different Grand Body(s), serving for a time in the Grand Body under Brother R. Love-El. However, returning to the original argument over Grand Temple #1, a number of documents filed in the Illinois courts listed, Sheik J. Shebly-El as being Governor of Temple #1. In fact, on Jan. 22, 1935, Shelby-El filed an injunction and resolution against Mealy-El, Jackson-Bey, Kirkman-Bey, Foreman-Bey, Crunby-Bey and Lovett-Bey calling for their disbandment and reorganization under "his" leadership. The Resolution went on to state:

**That the Moors had wandered away from the Prophet's Movement and had begun teaching military training (Mufti Force) and other innovations; establishing insurance where stock were sold; added such offices as Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator, Grand Recording Secretary and other offices not originally created by the Prophet; ceased to hold monthly meetings of the Adept Chambers, where an accounting of money taken in from the various taxes, sales of stocks, supplies, etc. Even the "The aforementioned Moors have wandered away from the rules and usages of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. The dates of the National Convention was changed from October 15<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> of each year." The resolution concluded by naming, "J. Shebly-El as Governor; N. Gores-Bey as Grand Sheik; C. Highbough-Bey as Assistant Grand Sheik and W. Cobb-Bey as Chairman of the Moorish Science Temple of America - Grand Temple #1.**

**This would create a fourth fraction/group of the Moorish Movement. Following Sheik J. Shebly-El would be Sheik C. Highbought-Bey, followed by Sheik L. Barnes-El. Headquarters would be established at 4333 Calumet St., Chicago, Ill.**

About four years earlier, another new and emerging force was entering on the scene. In the summer of 1930, W. Fard Mohammed, often referred to as Professor Fard or Wali, appeared in the Paradise Valley community of Detroit. He first claimed to be a reincarnation of Noble Drew Ali but would later declare himself "Allah, in the person of Fard Mohammed". He went on to say that his mission was to gain freedom, justice and equality for people of African descent. Fard claimed that he was born in Mecca on Feb. 26, 1877. His light hue and oriental features fostered the belief that he was an Arab. Fard maintained he was of royal ancestry, the son of a wealthy member of the Karaish tribe. However, it is reported by other sources, his true name was Wallace Douglass Ford and he was sent to impersonate "Abdul Farrad Mohammed Ali". The latter was the Arab who came to New Jersey in 1915 teaching members of the Moorish Movement Arabic. He too, had tried to gain control of the Moorish Movement. According to other reports, Wallace Ford (aka Fard Mohammed) was a government mole sent to destroy the progress of the liberation of the so-called "Black People". In either case, Fard Mohammed established the "Allah Temple of Islam" which would later become known as the "Nation of Islam". Although there is no record of Fard Mohammed being a member of the Moorish Movement it is reported, he studied many of the teachings of Noble Drew Ali which he incorporated into his own organization. There is record, however, that many of his early followers were members of Moorish subordinate temple #4 in Detroit. Among them is the late Elijah Poole-El, known to many as the Honorable Elijah Mohammed. While Fard was in Detroit building his following, Givens-El was doing the same in Chicago, Illinois.

In a letter to his followers in 1933, Sheik J. Givens-El, would write:

*447 E. 40th Street Chicago, Illinois August 19, 1933*

*Islam:*

*Moorish Science Temple of America; Instructions from the Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Reincarnated*

*This is to all Moors. I have reincarnated back on August 7, 1929, which now is four years and I am having meetings three times a week just like I have always did. I didn't come to die, I came to redeem you all from sin. The time is no depression. This is the end of time and the fulfilling of the Prophecies. I want you all to know that I Noble Drew Ali your Prophet is still in Chicago. I live at 447 E. 40th Street, now three years. This message is from Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Reincarnated. All that believes this message that I am sending by Brother Rossen-El will be blessed by Allah. I just want you all to know that I mean to carry out my mission.*

*Any information that you want to know just write to 447 E. 40th Street to your Prophet Noble Drew Ali It is my duty to let you all know that I am here.*

*I will say peace, [SIGNED]  
Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Reincarnated*

In response to this letter, C. Kirkman-Bey filed a series of affidavits and injunctions against John Givens-El in the Cook County Court to stop all activities of the rival fraction. Nevertheless, Givens-El continued to teach from his home and through the mail for more than 15 years. It is reported that when he was preparing to die he directed his followers to a brother known as "Allah-El". It is taught among his followers that Allah-El was born on June 10, 1890 in Trenton, Tenn., under the name Gullum Johnson. However, other sources reveal that "Allah-El" was really Ira Johnson-Bey. It has been said that he received visitors from all over the world while in a prison cell in Menard Prison in Illinois. To explain his name he has been reported as saying: "I am tired of them calling me Jesus, I asked my Father to let me use his name; He did and my name is now Allah-El, the son of the Most High God-Allah. I am no Christ and I have no wings, I am an old man, I am a spirit, I am going to my Father. When I return, I am going to teach you how to live and be happy. His reference to being tired of being called Jesus and the fact that he was in Menard Prison all point to his identity as I. Johnson-Bey.

During his murder trial it was claimed that Johnson-Bey demonstrated the "nail prints of Jesus". In any case, Allah-El, as he was known, died December 5, 1949 in maximum security in Menard Prison. The actual operation of this fraction between the death of Givens-El and that of Allah-El (Johnson-Bey) was run by Sidney Rosson-El, its national chairman. In 1951, a brother by the name of Reynolds Nealy-El (aka Reynolds N. El) was elected as president of this fraction. He held this position until his death in 1980. Upon his death, a brother out of Philadelphia, Pa., was elected as new president. This brother's name was "Henry Bey" and the present headquarters of this fraction is located at 3810 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

## **Splite in the seam,**

Another spite in the seam became apparent when a group of Moors started filing Amendments to the Annual Reports of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. This group would attempt to move the vary foundation of the Moorish Movement. Among the many national leaders (i.e., presidents) of this fraction are Lonnie Ferrell-Bey, Henry Hayes-Bey, James Plumber-El, Dr. Rufus German-Bey, Jesses McGee-Bey, L. Myers-El and Paul Davis-El. This fraction was headquartered at 957 E. 75th Street, Chicago, Illinois. However, following the court decree in the case R. Love-El vs. B. Densmore-Bey, this fraction has since closed its doors; its members being absorbed into other Moorish fractions, etc. **Dr. Rufus German-Bey**, in an effort to gain supreme authority of the Moorish Movement, dissolved the Illinois corporation (without its knowledge or consent); and, re-incorporated in the state of Maryland under the name Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., listing himself as the successor to the Prophet Noble Drew Ali This action resulted in a legal action from Robert Love-El the Grand Sheik and Moderated of those originally lead by Kirkman-Bey. (see; Diagrams 7 & 9). The court ruled in favor of R. Love-El acknowledging him as the true president of the corporation originally established by Prophet Noble Drew Ali. However, between German-Bey's break off from the 75th Street fraction and the Agreed Order in the aforementioned case, his Maryland corporation represented an entirely new fraction.

## **Dr. Rufus German-Bey**

Dr. German-Bey was the National Grand Sheik of the 75<sup>th</sup> Street fraction of the Moorish Movement. He later broke off from that group forming his own corporation in Maryland on January 15, 1975. Dr. German-Bey joined the Moorish Movement in 1927 at the age of 18. It is reported that he and his family was introduced to the Moorish Movement by the late Gilbert Cook-Bey. Some sources say that he actually help establish the first temple in Baltimore, Maryland in 1927. According to German-Bey, Noble Drew Ali came to Baltimore in 1928 and tested five brothers. Of the five, he was the only one to pass the test. "The Prophet blessed me from my head to my privates, and said, 'my son, I want you to tell my Moors the truth". He would eventually conclude that the Prophet had given him a mandate to lead the Movement. This he based on another statement reportedly made by Noble Drew Ali. According to German-Bey, the Prophet declared, "The angel has come for me twice and if he conies again I will be ready to go because my work is finished".



Noble Drew AH died the following year, however, German-Bey wasn't elected National Grand Sheik (at least, by one segment of the Movement) until 1972. According to some sources German-Bey eventually became Moorish Grand Governor of Maryland. He served as a faithful member of the Grand Body under Kirkman-Bey, Nelson-Bey and Blakely-Bey. However, in 1969, he crossed over to those under Henry Hayes-Bey, the 75th Street Moors. It was under this group that he sought to fulfill his' dream of becoming the Prophet<sup>1</sup>'s successor. In an effort to establish an uncontested leadership he went on -to claim successor ship under the title: "Holy Spirit". He was also called "Prince of Peace", reportedly conferred on him by (Timothy Dingle-El). Dr. German-Bay changed a number of Moorish documents; seeking copyright on "his" versions of the Moorish Constitution, Charter, Nationality Card (see: Copyright files, 768621, 748730... 1976). He sought registered trademark on Moorish symbols: crescent/star, adept/circle seven (see files: 1076717, 1072007 ...1977), etc. In 1984, Dr. German-Bey died, his fraction of the Moorish Movement once headquartered at 762 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland, was turned over to Sheik W. Porter-El of Washington, D.C. From the nation's capital, he ran a fraction of the Movement until his death. He was succeed by Grand Sheik C. Jackson-Bey, of Chicago, Illinois. The Moors under Brother Porter-El placed a stone/ dedication to Prophet Noble Drew Ali at the foot of his grave site. Nevertheless, they remain a small group, mostly in Chicago and surrounding areas.



## **THE DINGLE-EL BROTHERS**

Brother R. Dingle-El, receiving his teaching under the direction of John Given-El, states that he was ordained on November 30, 1940 to establish a system to remove all names that delude to slavery. This system, according to him, was designed to have the true origin and nationality of the Moorish Americans recorded on all state and federal documents. Richardson Dingle-El called this system the "Moorish National Bureau of Vital Statistics" (refer: National Archives, Washington, D.C., under file number 5-39, on Moorish). In 1942, he and his brother, T. Dingle-El (who also received his teachings from Givens-El; joining that fraction of the Moorish Movement in 1940) carried this system to the headquarters of the Selective Service System requesting that they change the racial classifications i.e., Negro, Black, Colored, etc., use on their records. The Dingle-El brothers carried on this effort until 1954. They are noted for their interpretation and efforts to "resurrect" the Executive Will of President Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation of September 22, 1862 and the 13 amendment of the United States Constitution (i.e., original 13 amendments with 20 sections). In 1953, T. Dingle-El was ordained a divine minister by the Givens-El fraction. It was at this time that he states that he turned his efforts towards uniting the Moorish Movement under one head. However, it wasn't until the late 1970's and early 1980's that his attempts were brought to light. It was around this time that he published his book, "The Resurrection: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., The Truth; Be Yourself and Not Somebody Else (refer: Library of Congress Catalogue Card Number 78-57828). In this book were included a number of Noble Drew Ali's original literary works. Thus, being granted copyright protection; Timothy Dingle-El, declared that he was the new author of the Moorish, Movement. He declared, "until I can find a better solution for there to be one head of a Grand Body in Chicago, without confusion, copyright authority is the only solution and all followers of Noble Drew Ali's works will honor it with peace of mind because the Divine Constitution order them to do so" (Resurrection, page 7).

### **Grand Sheik T. Dingle-El-Noble Drew Ali**

He went on to state: "My name will be Timothy Dingle-El, Noble Drew Ali, Author and Founder" (Resurrection, page 10). Timothy Dingle-El's headquarters was located at 3911 Belle Avenue., Baltimore, Maryland.

He called his temple, "Temple #13-1". However, he died in 1980 never reaching his dream of becoming supreme leader of the Moorish Movement. The leadership of his fraction was turned over to his wife, Sister-L. Dingle-El, under the title Supreme Grand Noblest. Nevertheless, his fraction like others before him, began to separate into smaller groups and diverse interpretations of "his" doctrines. One group lead by Sheik W. Rice-Bey would incorporate under the name, "Resurrection: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc." Another lead by Hayes Sample-Bey would establish what would be called: The Moorish Missionary Communication and Assistant Office of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. Sample-Bey would later declare himself, "The Prophet" . Nevertheless, neither group would make any real impact on the Moorish Movement. In fact, Brother Sample Bey, would eventually be forced to close his doors and Sheik Rice-Bey would turn his leadership over to Sheik C. Prather-El. Who would late go on to claim the title: Supreme Grand Sheik. In dispute of his claims to authority, a number of sheiks of this group broke off to form their own temples, titles included: Grand Sheik Melvin V. Bey of the Supreme Grand Resurrection Temple and Grand Sheik J. Clay-El (late known as Misha-El Elohim Ali-El) of the Embryo: Circle Seven, Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. An internal dispute within the latter would give way to Brother C. Childs-Bey leaving forming his own temple. The strongest of the Resurrection temples may be those under Grand Sheik J. Lomax-Bey, who served many years as chairman under the late Grand Sheik T. Dingle-El.

**Grand Sheik R. Dingle-El aka Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Reincarnated 3rd**

While his brother was trying to carve his piece of the Moorish Movement, R. Dingle-El was carving his own. In 1975, he proclaimed himself the 3rd reincarnation of the Prophet Noble Drew Ali. In an article in the Baltimore Sun paper he claimed that Givens-El, before his death in 1945, designated him as his heir. According to Dingle-El, he called a meeting and passed "THE WORD" to him on a piece of paper. However, he remained silent until 1975 when he established his own headquarters - incorporating the "Moorish Science Temple, The Divine and National Movement, Incorporated #13". He later established the "Moorish School of Law and History" which taught Constitutional Law and history; and, a radio talk show called, "The Light'.

Prior to his death, his fraction split into a number of small groups, the most recognizable was under the direction of a brother name Clarence Reynolds-El. Who would later change his name to Rommani M. Amenu-El and author the book: The Negro, The Black, The Moor.



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13TH AMENDMENT  
(20 SECTIONS)

## Moorish School of Law And History

Grand Sheik Richardson Dingle-El, Founder



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# Certificate of Registration

Moorish  
National Bureau  
of  
Vital Statistics

In accordance with the true policies of Noble Drew Ali and Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson, this document exists as a certification that the individual indicated below has taken and subscribed an oath (affirmation) of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America – including the Thirteenth Amendment with Twenty Sections. The individual has also proclaimed his true Free National Name, Race, Nationality, and Religion as follows: SSAN: 216-34-5389

NAME	CLARENCE	RIDOUT REYNOLDS-EL
RACE	ASIATIC	NATIONALITY MOORISH AMERICAN
DATE OF BIRTH	MAY 30, 1939	PLACE OF BIRTH BALTIMORE, MD.
DATE OF PROCLAMATION	FEBRUARY 22, 1971	
LOCATION	BALTIMORE, MD.	RELIGION ISLAMISM

The ancient name “ \_\_\_\_\_ EL \_\_\_\_\_ ” must be annexed as a suffix to the slave family name of the individual in all public and private records throughout the state, states, and nations, etc. Upon the complete implementation of Sections Sixteen and Seventeen of the Thirteenth Amendment with Twenty Sections to the U.S. Constitution, the individual will receive his full permanent ancestral name through the United States Government.



*Ernest J. Wright-Bey*  
Ernest J. Wright-Bey, Sheik

*Clarence R. Reynolds-El*  
DIVINE MINISTER  
Clarence R. Reynolds-El, Sheik

*R. D. El*  
DIRECTOR AND NATIONAL REGISTRAR  
Richardson Dingle-El, Grand Sheik  
FOUNDER

National Archives Record Group No. 147  
See Form OAA-7003: Social Security Administration

"ORIGINAL: ONLY COPY SIGNED  
By the Founder of the School."

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# CHARTER



## MOORISH SCIENCE TEMPLE

The DIVINE and NATIONAL MOVEMENT  
of North America, Inc.



TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

### Greetings

#### THE STATE HOME OFFICE

By virtue of the authority vested in The Most Holy Prophet, Noble Drew

Ali, and By virtue of a Charter granted by the State of Conn. unto The Moorish Science Temple The Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc.

Doth hereby grant this **Charter Warrant & Dispensation**

to this branch of The Moorish Science Temple The Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc., located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Conn., to be halled, styled and known by the title Temple No. 13.

#### HEAR YE!

The said subordinate Temple is authorized and empowered to initiate into and confer degrees of the said Temple upon any person or persons duly proposed, qualified and approved in accordance with the established forms and usages of the laws and edicts of The Moorish Science Temple The Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc., and to administer to all true members all the privileges and benefits arising therefrom; and to enter by-laws for the government of this Temple provided always that the said Temple Number and the members thereof do act according to the order and in conjunction with and obedience to the State Home Temple Authority and to support all of the articles and charges delivered with this charter and the commands and edicts of the illustrious Noble Drew Ali, The Prophet. In default thereof this charter may be suspended or revoked at the decision of the State Home Temple.

And further this Temple shall promote and practice the teachings of the faith of all the true and divine prophets: Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, etc., and the learning of the Great Prophet Noble Drew Ali, in North America.

In witness whereof we have displayed the color of our Temple and subscribed our names and affixed the seal of The Moorish Science Temple The Divine and National Movement of North America, Inc.

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Charter signed by Grand Sheik Fredrick Turner-El, issued to Grand Sheik R. Dingle-El aka Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Reincarnated 3<sup>rd</sup>, later turned over to Sheik C. Reynolds-El

## **THE GRAND BODY**

Brother C. Kirkman-Bey was elected by one segment of the Moorish Movement as head official under the title: Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator in 1934. (Note: In 1929, Brother Kirkman-Bey was appointed to the position of Supreme Grand Advisor.



**Brother C. Kirkman-Bey, 1<sup>st</sup> Supreme Grand Advisor & Moderator**

It wasn't until 1934 that the title Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator was used.). He served in this position until his passing in 1959. He is noted for being language interpreter for Noble Drew Ali during the Pan-American Conference held in Cuba in 1929. He also carried the Moorish Science Temple of America to two World Fairs; one in New York and the other in Chicago/ where the Moors participated in the Fair Parade. A number of Moorish schools and at least two Moorish American colonies (one in Bonner Spring, Kansas and the other in Prince George, Virginia) were established under his leadership.

It is reported that Brother Kirkman-Bey was a man that spoke many foreign languages; a mastermind with the ability to heal, to read minds and to know the future. He was also called to perform the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali's last Rites/Home Going Ceremony. (Note: Some Moorish historian teach that Brother Kirkman-Bey was only an adept during the life of the Holy Prophet and wasn't appointed "Sheik/Minister" until after the Prophet's passing and only for the purpose of performing the Last Rites) He is also the compiler of the pamphlet entitled: The Mysteries of the Silent Brotherhood of the East used in the A.C. of the M.S.T.of.A. Sheik Kirkman-Bey died in 1959, his leadership was turned over to the newly elected president (Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator) Fred Nelson-Bey.



**Brother F. Nelson-Bey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supreme  
Grand Advisor & Moderator**

Sheik Nelson-Bey joined, the Moorish Science Temple of America in Detroit in 1927. He was a member of subordinate temple #4 and later its Grand Sheik. He served as Grand Governor of Michigan and Virginia when he lived there. In fact, he was one of the 1st Moors to move on the colony hi Prince George, Virginia in 1940. Sheik F. Nelson-Bey was said to be Brother Kirkman-Bey's right hand man. He served as head official of this group until 1953, when Sheik J. Blakely-Bey was elected president.



**Brother J. Blakely-Bey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme  
Grand Advisor & Moderator**

Sheik Blakely-Bey was a member of subordinate temple #4 in Detroit. He joined the temple in 1927 and served as Grand Governor of Indiana for many years. He also served as convention chairman before his election in 1963. According to various members, he was very skilled at quoting the Moorish teachings; especially, the oral statements of Noble Drew Ali. He held his position as leader of the Moorish Movement until 1971 when he was succeeded by Robert Love-El as Grand Sheik and Moderator (his original title was Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator). Prior to his election Love-El served as Assistant Grand Sheik of temple #25 (Detroit, Michigan) and Grand Governor of Michigan. He published the 1st Moorish American Voice in August of 1969. With the assistance of contributions from Moors around the country, he established a national fund raising project to aid in the purchasing of a convention hall.





**Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc./Convention Hall**

In fact, it was under his direction that the "Thai Buddhist Temple building" was purchased and converted into the organization's new convention hall. In the case, R. Love-El Vs R. German-Bey, an Agreed Order was handed down naming him the true president of the organization incorporated in the state of Illinois by Noble Drew Ali. In another case, R. Love-El vs. B. Densmore-Bey, he and those under his direction was given the exclusive right to use the name: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.



**Brother R. Love-El, (Former) Sheik & Moderator of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.**

These court rulings were Issued in 1978 and 1982, respectfully. In addition to these decrees, Sheik R. Love-El was also able to obtain trademark protection, once granted to Dr. German-Bey, on the symbols used by the Moorish Movement. Brother Love-El also defeated Frank Lewis El Bey in a legal dispute over El Bey's claim to ownership of the Moorish Movement, Nevertheless, after 31 years of service he was succeeded by Brother Robert Jones-Bey, new president and Grand Sheik of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.

Of course, the years have seen a number of other Moorish fractions not profiled here. Among them, Brother Nature El Bey and his Great Seal Moorish Science Temple of America; Brother Jerome Graham-Bey and his Federation: Moorish Science Temple of America Inc. Brother James Clay-El, aka, Mishal Elohim Ali El and his Embryo: Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. and a host of Internet Websites claiming to be some part or degree of the Moorish Science(s). In any case, after more than 78 years of internal conflict you can still pass a Moorish Temple and hear the words of its Founder, Noble Drew Ali: "Come all ye Asiatic of America and hear the truth about your nationality and birthrights ..."



Any other organization could not have endured this type of conflict and still be standing today. A sign, I guess, of the divine protection surrounding the Moorish Movement in America.

Peace,

Brother R, Edwards-El, A. S. D.M.

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## **Final Thought**

I have personally spoken with a number of these Moorish American leaders, temple officials and their members concerning Moorish American unity. Everyone that I have spoken with is calling for unity among Moors. The question is what are they willing to do, give up or change ? How far are they willing to go, this is the question. We didn't get where we are today by change or mishap. There were those who made conscious decisions leading to this outcome or condition that we find the Movement in today. You have read my findings and that of other Moorish American scholars, ministers and teachers. We all have to admit the Movement has been caught in a world wind of confusion since the Prophet's passing. We have now had many leaders and various Grand Bodies. Some have changed the name of the organization and its purpose – all supposedly in the name of fulfilling the Prophet's works, etc. The Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali is reported as saying: "Every work I speak is spirit and you Moors better heed" The tone of the message informs us that the listener didn't have a clear understanding of the Prophet's instructions. As a result, many today have not been introduced to the truth and consistent purpose of his message. If we are to believe that Noble Drew Ali is a Prophet of Allah, and, that Allah is the Author, Creator and Governor of the worlds. Why can't we believe that he did and said just what Allah commanded him to do and say. What may seem to us as errors in history are no more than reminders of the need to return to the path of Allah.

Even today's call for unity is a landmark in the journey of the race. For the decisions and actions of the past have lead us to these doors. But, once again, we are being called to be witness for the truth. And, because man has the power to make or mar his future, we must be ever mindful of the decisions that we make. This includes any organized efforts to bring about the uniting of the temples under one Great Grand Body. In fact, any plan to unite the Moorish Movement founded by the Prophet Noble Drew Ali must contain or at least acknowledge certain immovable landmarks or points of "authority". Please consider that a call to unity in the Moorish Movement must be a call to "return to the true foundation of the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali. For he is the uniting of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.

In other words, before any compromising is made regarding past practices, customs, etc., each body of Moors must acknowledge certain landmarks or point of authority originally established by the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali.

(1) All parties must acknowledge and agree that Noble Drew Ali, born Timothy Drew, is the Prophet and Founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., founded, May 1, 1913, in Newark , New Jersey .

(2) That said organization was also know as Canaanite Temple , The Moorish Divine and National Movement in North America , The Moorish Science Temple of the World, etc.

(3) That this same organization founded in Newark New Jersey moved to Chicago , Illinois in 1917, organizing in 1925 as the Moorish Temple of Science, it was later incorporated in Chicago , Illinois on Nov. 29, 1926, officially changing its name to the Moorish Science Temple of America on May 2, 1928. A special meeting was held on July 20, 1928, establishing a Broad of Directors and appointing officials, thus, being named and appointed sheik on that same date. An affidavit of religious organization to this effect was filed on August 1, 1928, naming: Noble Drew Ali, Mealy El, Small Bey, Foreman-Bey and Lovett-Bey as it National Officials. Brother Small-Bey was later replaced by Brother W. Morris-El.

(4) That this organization held its first annual national convention October 15 though October 20, 1928. During this Convention the Prophet and Founder Noble Drew Ali his Divine Constitution and By Laws, Rules and Regulations stating that every member should have a copy so that there would be no misunderstanding of what is expected.

(5) That Noble Drew Ali, the Prophet and Founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., did attend and so represent the Moorish Divine and National Movement in North America during the Pan American Conference in January 1929.

(6) That Noble Drew Ali, Prophet and Founder of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., did establish the Moorish Guide New Papers (1927-1927), as well as the Moorish Oils, Tea and remedies currently being produced and sold by others.

(7) That all of the properties of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., literates, flags, customs and practices, being created or establish between 1913 and July 1929 are in fact the properties of Noble Drew Ali i.e., comprising his legal manifested body and estate.

(8) That in February 1929, Brother E. Mealy-El was officially recorded on Annual Report submitted to the Secretary of the State of Illinois , as president of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. ***(Note: filing with the Secretary of State changed the corporate status of the Movement from the Religious corporation Act of 1872 to the current Not-For Profit Corporation, etc)***

(9) That Brother E. Mealy-El was appointed by the holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali to serve as Grand Sheik/Governor of Grand Temple #1 in Chicago , Illinois . He was also appointed by the Prophet Noble Drew Ali as Supreme Grand Sheik of the Supreme Grand Council of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc That this includes the Moorish Holy Temple of Science and any other name used to describe the Movement founded by the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali prior May 2, 1928.

(10) That during the passing of the holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Brother E. Mealy-El was the legal president and appointed successor, via the office of Supreme Grand Sheik, which was never banded or disbanded, regardless of the status of the Supreme Grand Council there after.

(11) That during the second Annual National Convention Brother C. Kirkman-Bey was appoint or elected Grand Advisor (known thereafter as Supreme Grand Advisor, and even later as Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator). That shortly thereafter a dispute evolved/came to manifest revealing that an error had been made and that Brother Kickman-Bey status was in question.

(I2) That at the 3rd Annual National Convention, efforts were made to remove the title Supreme Grand Advisor, etc., and that Brother C. Kirkman-Bey and credential were void by Brother E. Mealy-El, Supreme Grand Sheik of the Moorish Science Temple of America.

(13) That the AC Book authored by Brother C. Kirkman-Bey is not the true AC Book as establish by the Prophet Noble Drew Ali, nor is the AC ritual presently being practiced the same as that which was taught by the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali in 1928. (14) That a plead or call among Moors was made for a returned to the original foundation of the Prophet and that this plead is recorded both in the minutes of Brother E. Mealy-El and Brother C. Kirkman-Bey's respective body of Moors.

(15) That the Court (1931) did rule in favor of Brother E. Mealy-El in the case between he and Brother C. Kirkman-Bey for leadership. Note: A current letter of legal authenticity of the ruling should be present as well as verification of its legal power today.

(16) That the Moors forming the Grand Body under Brother C. Kirkamn-Bey, made such a plead and did question the legal use and authority of the Title Supreme Grand Advisor and Moderator, etc., citing that it was out of law. See Convention minutes 1933.

It should be the desire of any Unity effort to re-unity the Moorish Americans under the true foundation as established by the Prophet Noble Drew Ali. And that this can best be accomplished by re-establishing a Supreme Council of the Moorish Divine and National Movement in North America currently operating under the name Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. And, the name Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. is to be used officially in all maters regarding the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, his Movement and properties, etc. Who ever has the legal right today to use that name should be the one or body of Moors spearheading this call for Unity. A re-establishment of the Supreme Council would allow for each of the current leaders of Grand Bodies to be apart, each have a single vote of authority. Once established this Supreme Council would:

(a) answer all questions concerning religious and national concerns of the organization and it members.

(b) define what is and isn't not a part of the Prophet's teachings.

(c) interpret current laws and policy, enforcing those that are in accordance with or of the Prophet and discarding those of no use, etc.

- (d) establish customs and practices of said organization and membership.
- (e) establish rules, ritual and practices for the AC and the Divine Ministry.
- (f) establish a standard interpretation of certain laws and practices through the Movement. etc., as well as a standard practical interpretation of the Moorish Holy and Divine Doctrines.
- (g) Establish guidelines and standards for those being raised to the level of Missionary, Adept, Sheik or Divine Minister, the same applying to the entitlement of Governor, Grand Governor, etc., of the Higher Order.
- (h) establish a Moorish American, perspective of the Holy Koran of Mecca for the teaching and instruction of the Moorish Americans.

Additionally, all the Moors must fly/display the Flag in the same manner; there was only one Noble Drew Ali. And, for that fact, we must return to the use of the original Medallion of the Prophet Noble Drew Ali, which was White and Red, with the Crescent and Star on one side and the Seven and Four Arcs on the other side. The same applies to our Free National name; we have to agree that it is American, Moorish American or as Brother R. R. Jones-Bey, D.M., G.S., teaches: El and Bey.

Finally, in maintaining any stable government, a system of communication and information exchange must be established. When we look at the original structure of the Movement we find that the Grand Governors, Governors, etc., represented such a system. The Governors were the ones traveling State to State, carrying the message and instructions of the Prophet, setting aside temples in his name and installing Grand Sheik under his authority. In short, they represented the Prophet's concerns, both going and coming. They stood or were suppose to stand as examples of the Prophet's teachings and instructions in the respective States. During the convening of the Great Grand Body they stand as Delegates and representatives to this Grand Assembly, reporting on the progress and concerns of their State. With each trip to Chicago, they were to receive Divine Instructions from the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali to carry back to their respective States and membership. They were to establish AC meeting at their own temple where this information was taught and/or handed down to their AC members. If there were more than one temple in a State, there is still only one central Chamber for that state, the Governors' Chamber. Included in this Chamber concept of problem solving through enter sources. In other words, if a

member had a problem or was dealing with an issue (domestic, social, religious , cultural or legal), he or she could bring it to his/her Chamber for resolution and/or advise. Of course, the success of this process relied on the accuracy of the information received or the lessons/instructions handed down.

Therefore, to maintain a successful, organization in this era of time, I further believe that we have to return to the original idea, intent or design of the Grand Governors office and its many functions. Of course, adjusting it to the needs and concerns of this era of time. I think that this could be best accomplished using the current Governors' Annual reporting process before the Grand Body. Keeping the original verbal short form process , adding only a written long form report that would be submitted directly to the National Grand Sheik of the organization, Remember, the daily national operations of the organization is under his direct authority and responsibility. The Supreme Council as explained earlier, would have other functions - surrounding the moral and spiritual development of the organization and its members.

The Grand Governors' Office in Addition to traditional duties and responsibilities must establish a System of Communication and Information Maintain directed toward the security and safely of its members on all level of communication: Physically, Mentally, Morally and Spiritual. Keeping in mind that the problems of life are mostly socially and economically. In a profound sense they are morally and spiritually. Therefore, the success of the Moorish Science Temple of America in this era of time must be based or should address the aforementioned points of concerns

## **A Moorish American Proposal**

### **Grand Governors' Year End Fourth Quarter/Annual State Report**

**For the State of**

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**This report is to be forwarded to the Home Office or assign point, on proper form or proper form format, no later than August 30<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, this report is to be submitted/hand delivered to the Chairman of the Convention, or whomever is appoint to receive said report**

## **I. Affiliated (Grand Body) Temples**

1. Has the parent organization (Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.), via its (state) subordinate temple(s), been properly registered to do religious business in your state and a certificate to that effect issued from the state ?

a. Has all necessary fees associated with this registration been paid? If not. Please explain.

2. Total number of affiliated Temples in the state \_\_\_\_\_

a. Present Location(s), Grand Sheik(s) and Secretary(ies) for each temple:

3. Temple Building(s)

a. List all temples in your state that are owned by the organization directly or via its subordinate temple(s)

b. List all temples in your state that are renting the building that they are in

c. List those renting rooms or using sections/rooms in public buildings, etc.

d. List all temples operating out of a personal residence (home), in violation of zoning code

e. List the Resident Agent for your state. Include name, address and phone number

## **II. Total State Membership Activity**

a. List the following for each temple in the state:

1. Total active membership \_\_\_\_\_

2. Total number of lay members \_\_\_\_\_

3. Total number of sheiks and sheikess \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of Muftis: (a) active) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Reserved \_\_\_\_\_

b. Contact Information for each temple: Phone number(s) & E-mail address(es)

c. Number of temples that you have visited in your state this quarter/year. Include time, date(s) and overall condition of the temple(s) visited.

1. Was the temple set up properly and operating according to established procedures (e.g., The Circle Seven and Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice). Did they have the proper decorum for a Moorish Science Temple meeting. If not, please explain:

2. Was the Grand Sheik, Chairman and Secretary present during your visits? If yes, did they have any concerns, reports, proposals, etc., to submit to the Grand Governor's office. If not present, please explain why:

3. Were any complaints submitted to the Grand Governor's office this quarter/year for resolution ? If yes, list/attach all resolutions handed down.

4. List any problems that you see or that was report by the temple(s) and confirmed by you that needs to be forwarded to the Moderator (or whomever is appointed to receive state reports). Attach all attachments to this report.

5. How many (active) adepts are there in your state (temples). Please list as follow:

a. Sheiks: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Sheikess: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Divine Ministers : \_\_\_\_\_

d. National Officials: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the percentage/ratio of attendance for the temples in your state.

a. How many meeting per temple/total state are being held per month/annually \_\_\_\_\_

b. General attendance \_\_\_\_\_

c. Adept attendance \_\_\_\_\_

d. List any closing of the temple or meeting , including reason.

7. List the names and temples of all sheiks and sheikess who are officially recorded in your state (temples) as being in BAD STANDINGS, Please include name, temple and reason, along with any restriction that may be imposed.

8. Provide an update list of all sheiks and sheikess in your state (temples) who are active ,in good standing and all assessments paid in full. List by name and temple number.
9. List all temple sponsored fundraising events in your state. Include time and dates, and any flyers, announcements, press releases, etc., that may be available.
10. List all Obligation and Home Going Ceremonies performed in your state this quarter/year. Include the name of the minister(s) performing the ceremony and the temple involved.
11. List all members in your state that are hospitalized and/or in Nursing Homes, etc. Include member's name and temple.
12. List the names of any Sheik or Sheikess that has been arrested during this quarter/year. Please include offence/charge associated with this(es) arrests, etc.
13. List all court appearance that you or temple officials had to make this quarter/year on behalf of yourself, a sheik (or sheikess) or for any of the temple(s) in your state. Please include the outcome, fees or fines imposed, etc.
14. List all interviews that you or any member of your state (temples) has participated in this quarter/year. Please include time, date, place and interviewer (radio, TV, Government agency, etc). Along with a copy of (1) the interview transcript (2) consent form that you signed and (3) letter from the Moderator granting you permission, etc.
15. How many meetings and/or conference call have you held with the temple officials in your state this quarter/year. Please list time, date, subject and those involved.
16. How much of the following supplies i.e., Literature orders, Robes, Fezzes, Turbans, Flags, etc. did your state order this quarter/year ? Please list sources of purchase, including price, if not ordered through Home Office.

### **III. Professional Affiliations**

1. List all members in your state (temples) who are registered medical personnel. Please list by name, temple and hospital that they are connected to.
2. List all members in your state (temples) who are “active”:
  - a. Military (including National Guard/Reserves) Personnel\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Law (local, state & Federal) Enforcement Personnel\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Fire Department Personnel \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Transportation (bus & subway services) Personnel \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Railroad Personnel \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Airline Personnel \_\_\_\_\_

Please include their names and temples in this section:

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3. List all members in your state (temples) who are members of the American Bar Association or the Bar Association of your state.
4. List all members in your state (temples) who are active members of academia (i.e., certified teachers & educators). Include members name and the academic organization he or she is affiliated with
5. List all members of your state (temples) who are certified in computer and communication technology
6. List all members of your state (temples) who are certified construction supervisors (or holding a Master in Building technology )
7. List all members of your state (temples) who speak proficient Spanish, Arabic (Moroccan or Egyptian dialect), Japanese, Korean, French, Hebrew, etc.
8. List all members of your state (temples) who can read and speak proficiently in the official sign language of the hearing impaired

#### **IV. Emergency Preparedness**

1. Is there an emergency preparedness plan for your state and its temples ?  
If not, why ?
  - a. List government emergency evacuation routes for your state
  - b. List 2 hospitals near each of the temples in your state. Please include hospital name ,address and phone number.
  - c. List 2 emergency evacuation shelters near each of the temple in your state. Please include shelter name, address and phone number
2. Do the temples in your state have emergency “Fire evacuation plans” in place ? This includes fire extinguishers and rope ladders. If not. Please explain.
3. Is there a temple/organization selected evacuation route and safe house/place for your state in case of statewide/national emergency ? Please list routes and safe location
4. Is there an emergency phone number (or alternate mode of communication) in place whereby all the temples in your state could check-in in case of a statewide/national emergency ? If not. Please explain.
5. In addition to your state’ central emergency contact number. Has any emergency contact guide points (i.e., persons so assigned to this task) via wireless phone, walkie-talkie, 40 channel CB or Ham Radio been establish for those who may become separated from our main body during an emergency. If so, please list. If not, please explain.
6. List all members in your state (temples) who has been certified in CPR training and/or those certified in basic medical procedures and care.
7. Is there a 90 days food supply set-up for the members in your state (temples) ? If not. Please explain why.
8. Is there a central location for this 90 day supply or are there individual supply site (e.g., are members required to have their own).

9. Have the members of your state (temples) been properly instructed/informed of the need, content and use of a survival/extended Mufti grip (bag) in cases of emergency. As well as the emergency color code for their respective state/national emergency color code for the nation. If yes, provide content list for your states' emergency bags and the source of your color code information. If not, please explain why.

## **V. Institutional Missions**

1. How many lawfully established institutional missions (i.e., institutional branch temples) are there in your state. Include name of institution, location, Institutional Religious Coordinator and contract number

2. List all certified Missionaries authorized to go into the institutions in your state

3. List the total number of visits that you have made into the institutions this quarter/year \_\_\_\_\_ Please include institution and date.

a. Name of Institution & Date:

b. Describe the atmosphere of the meeting(s)

c. Where the meetings in accordance with our established practices ?

d. Was the meeting/study class provided with the proper literatures or did you witness photocopies of our literatures?

e. Are non-affiliated Moorish American organizations also permitted in these institutions under the aspire of being the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. If so, please list these organizations, by name and leader.

4. Number of institutional converts joining the temple(s) upon their release this period

5. List any and all members of your state that are on parole and/or are under travel restrictions, etc. Please list name, age and temple number.

6. Are there any programs or support groups established to accommodate our brothers and sisters, recently released from the institutions (in your state), coming directly to the temple. If yes, has it been a successful aid in their cultural shock/re-socialization. If not. Why ? Please explain your findings, etc.

**VI. Non-affiliated Moorish American Groups, using the name Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., etc and operating with your state**

1. How many non-affiliated Moorish American organizations/groups are there operating in your state. Please list location, local leader ,national affiliate and estimated local membership
2. Are all non-affiliated Moorish American organizations/groups registered or incorporated in your state ? If yes, please list by name and leader (president).
3. List all non-affiliated Moorish American sponsored events and activities. Especially, those using our corporation name: Moorish Science Temple of America. Please attach all flyers, announcement, etc. for all listed events.
- 3a. Describe and/or characterize the relationship between our members and those of the non-affiliate Moorish American groups in your state. List any concerns that you may have REGARDING THIS ISSUE.
4. List all Moorish American organizations/groups, both affiliated & non-affiliated, using our name, literature and symbol, that may involved in a court dispute with the government or private agency.
5. List any and all non-affiliated Moorish American organizations/groups in your state using, operating and/or selling goods under our names, symbols and presenting themselves as being the holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali's organization.
6. List all those in your state who are reproducing and selling the Holy Koran of the Moorish Science Temple of America. Please include name, address and distribution location.
7. List all those in your state that you know who are reproducing and selling copies of the picture(s)/Portrait(s) of the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, including the 1928 Convention Portrait.
8. List all book stores, etc., that are aiding in the sell and distribution of any of the properties of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Founder.

I declare/certify that the information I have collected and given is to the best of my knowledge and resources. I , therefore, sign my name, title and affix my seal in testimony thereof. May Allah be forever pleased with our work.

Peace,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Grand Governor)

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant Grand Governor)

Date:

**Note:**

The attached report format has been designed (through its questions/instructions) to provide the Grand Body with the necessary information, to build a national data base/think tank, via state resources/networking of pertinent information, relative to our nation concern. For example: (1) Propagation of the faith, (2) proper temple/organizational registration in the states, (3) available human resources within our temples, (4) welfare of our members in cases of emergencies, (5) emergency resources and response, (6) organizational needs and improvement, (7) protection of our literatures and properties. A data base of this type, drawn from our state sources, grants us the ability to make better decisions based upon more accurate information. It also gives us the ability to gather information more rapidly and respond to issues more quickly. Once compiled the information will give our National Officials/Broad of Directors, etc., the ability to operation from the same page or central point of information. When questions come up concerning our temples/states, Our leaders will only need to turn a page in our own state generated resource data base to answer the question or to become fully briefed with the situation.

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## **Part Two:**

### **Grand Sheik's Fourth Quarter/Annual State Report For Subordinate Temple #:\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Has your subordinate temple of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., been properly registered to do religious business in your state and a certificate to that effect issued from the state ?
  - a. Has all necessary fees associated with this registration been paid? If not. Please explain.
2. Are you a Divine Minister in the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. ?
3. Did you receive formal or hands on instructions ? If formal instructions, from whom ?
4. Who is the resident agent of your state ?
5. Are you holding Sunday School, Holy Day Services and AC meetings at you temple ? If not, please explain why.
6. Does your temple have the proper decorum (i.e., Prophet's Portriat, Vacant Chair, Flags, Podium & Literature, Chairman & Secretary's Table and chairs to accommodate the public, etc) ? If not. Please explain why ?
7. Is your temple set up properly and operating according to established procedures (e.g., The Circle Seven and Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice). If not, please explain:
8. Do you know what it means to open your meeting according to the Circle Seven and Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice ? If not. Please explain why ?
9. Does your temple hold its meetings in a house, rental property or its own building ?

10. Is the building in the name of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., or in some other name on the contact ? Please explain.

11. If renting, are the utilities included in your renter's contact or is it charged separately ?

12. Are your religious services and AC meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> floors ? Explain your situation.

13. Does your temple location have a lift for the handicap/disabled and a ramp for wheelchairs, etc. ?

14. Is there a fire evaluation plan including fire extinguishers and rope ladder(s), etc., in place ? If not. Please explain why.

15. Is there an emergency evaluation plan in place ?

16. Have you received instructions from the Grand Governor's Office as to where to proceed in case of an statewide emergency evaluation ?

17. Do you know the state & federal evaluation routes for your state ?

18. Have you received any instructions or updates from the Grand Governors' Office regarding basic medical procedures, CPR, etc. If not. Have you taken steps to update your membership ?

19. How many active members do your temple have ?

1. Total active membership \_\_\_\_\_

2. Total number of lay members \_\_\_\_\_

3. Total number of sheiks and sheikess \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of Muftis: (a) active) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Reserved \_\_\_\_\_

20. List the Contact Information for your temple: Phone number(s) & E-mail address(es)

21. How many meeting on you holding per month ?

22. Are the Grand Sheik, Chairman and Secretary present during your temple meetings ? If not present, please explain (your) their absence.
23. Have you submitted any complaints to the Grand Governor's office this quarter/year for resolution ? If yes, list/attach all resolutions handed down.
24. List any problems that you have had, submitted to the Grand Governor's office, that had to be forwarded to the Moderator (or whomever is appointed to receive state reports). Attach all attachments to this report.
25. How many (active) adepts are there in your temple. . Please list as follow:
- a. Sheiks: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Sheikess: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Divine Ministers : \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. National Officials: \_\_\_\_\_
26. What is your temple's monthly/annually attendance percentage.
- a. General attendance \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Adept attendance \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. List any closing of your temple or meetings , including reason.
27. List the names of all sheiks and sheikess who are officially recorded in your temples as being in BAD STANDINGS, Please include name, and reason, along with any restriction that may be imposed.
28. Provide an update list of all sheiks and sheikess for your temple, who are active ,in good standing and all assessments paid in full. List by name.
29. List all temple sponsored fundraising events . Include time and dates, and any flyers, announcements, press releases, etc., that may be available.
30. List all Obligation and Home Going Ceremonies performed in your temple this quarter/year. Include the name of the minister(s) performing the ceremony and the temple involved.

31. List all members in your temple that are hospitalized and/or in Nursing Homes, etc. Include member's name and temple.
32. List the names of any Sheik or Sheikess of your temple that has been arrested during this quarter/year. Please include offence/charge associated with this(es) arrests, etc.
33. List all court appearance that you or temple officials had to make this quarter/year on behalf of yourself, a sheik (or sheikess) or for any member of the temple. Please include the outcome, fees or fines imposed, etc.
34. List all interviews that you or any member of your temple has participated in this quarter/year. Please include time, date, place and interviewer (radio, TV, Government agency, etc). Along with a copy of (1) the interview transcript (2) consent form that you signed and (3) letter from the Moderator granting you permission, etc.
33. How many meetings and/or conference call have you held with the temple officials of your temple this quarter/year. Please list time, date, subject and those involved.
36. How much of the following supplies i.e., Literature orders, Robes, Fezzes, Turbans, Flags, etc. did your temple order this quarter/year ? Please list sources of purchase, including price, if not ordered through Home Office.
37. List all members in your temple who are registered medical personnel. Please list by name, temple and hospital that they are connected to.
38. List all members in your temples who are "active":
- a. Military (including National Guard/Reserves) Personnel \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Law (local, state & Federal) Enforcement Personnel \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Fire Department Personnel \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Transportation (bus & subway services) Personnel \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Railroad Personnel \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Airline Personnel \_\_\_\_\_

Please include their names :

39. List all members in your temple who are members of the American Bar Association or the Bar Association of your state.
40. List all members in your state temple who are active members of academia (i.e., certified teachers & educators). Include members name and the academic organization he or she is affiliated with
41. List all members of your state temple who are certified in computer and communication technology
42. List all members of your temple who are certified construction supervisors (or holding a Master in Building technology )
43. List all members of your temple who speak proficient Spanish, Arabic (Moroccan or Egyptian dialect), Japanese, Korean, French, Hebrew, etc.
44. List all members of your temple who can read and speak proficiently in the official sign language of the hearing impaired
45. List any deaths that your temple may have had this quarter/year.
46. List 2 hospitals near your temple. Please include hospital name ,address and phone number.
47. List 2 emergency evacuation shelters near your temple. Please include shelter name, address and phone number
48. Is there a temple/organization selected evacuation route and safe house/place for your state/temple in case of statewide/national emergency ? Please list routes and safe location
49. Is there an emergency phone number (or alternate mode of communication) in place whereby all the temples in your state could check-in in case of a statewide/national emergency ? If not. Please explain.

50. In addition to your state' central emergency contact number. Has any emergency contact guide points (i.e., persons so assigned to this task) via wireless phone, walkie-talkie, 40 channel CB or Ham Radio been establish for those who may become separated from our main body during an emergency. If so, please list. If not, please explain.

51. Is there a 90 days food supply set-up for the members in your temple ? If not. Please explain why.

52. Is there a central location for this 90 day supply or are there individual supply site (e.g., are members required to have their own).

53. Have the members of your state (temples) been properly instructed/informed of the need, content and use of a survival/extended Mufti grip (bag) in cases of emergency. As well as the emergency color code for your respective state/national emergency color code for the nation. If yes, provide content list for your states' emergency bags and the source of your color code information. If not, please explain why.

54. How many lawfully established institutional missions (i.e., institutional branch temples) in your state that your temple is in contact (i.e, during missionary work) with. Include name of institution, location, Institutional Religious Coordinator and contract number

55. List all certified Missionaries authorized to go into the institutions from your temple.

56. List the total number of visits that you have made into the institutions this quarter/year \_\_\_\_\_ Please include institution and date.

a. Name of Institution & Date:

b. Describe the atmosphere of the meeting(s)

c. Where the meetings in accordance with our established practices ?

d. Was the meeting/study class provided with the proper literatures or did you witness photocopies of our literatures?



57. Number of institutional converts joining your temple(s) upon their release this period

58. Are there any programs or support groups established to accommodate our brothers and sisters, recently released from the institutions , coming directly to the temple. If yes, has it been a successful aid in their cultural shock/re-socialization. If not. Why ? Please explain your findings, etc.

59. Does your temple operate according to the two-equal parts system i.e., 1<sup>st</sup> part Koran Questions & the 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Koran ? If not. What format are you using ? Please explain in detail.

60. Does your temple receive AC instructions, updates, memos, etc, from the Grand Governor's office of your state ?

61. Has your temple received any religious instructions from the Moderator this period/year via the Grand Governor's office of your state ?

62. Does your temple have the proper number of Adepts to constitute a lawfully established subordinate of the MST of A, Inc. ? If yes. What is that number ? If no. Please explain why not.

63. Does your temple have the proper number of temple official ? If yes, what is that number ? If no. Please explain why not.

64. Are there non-affiliated Moorish American groups in your city/state ? If yes, has any attended your temple's meetings and/or events ?

65. Describe and/or characterize the relationship between your members and those of the non-affiliate Moorish American groups in your state. List any concerns that you may have REGARDING THIS ISSUE.

66. List all Moorish American organizations/groups, that you know or are aware of, both affiliated & non-affiliated, using our name, literature and symbol, that may be involved in a court dispute with the government or private agency.

67. List any and all non-affiliated organizations/groups in your state using, operating and/or selling goods under our names, symbols and presenting themselves as being the holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali's organization.

68. List all those in your state who are reproducing and selling the Holy Koran of the Moorish Science Temple of America. Please include name, address and distribution location.

69. List all those in your state that you know who are reproducing and selling copies of the picture(s)/Portrait(s) of the Holy Prophet Noble Drew Ali, including the 1928 Convention Portrait.

70. List all book stores, etc., that are aiding in the sell and distribution of any of the properties of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., Prophet Noble Drew Ali, Founder.

71. Please list any and all debt occur by you or your subordinate temple in the name of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc. Please explain in detail and include a copy of all related documents.

I declare/certify that the information I have collected and given is to the best of my knowledge and resources. I, therefore, sign my name, and title in testimony thereof. May Allah be forever pleased with our work.

Peace,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Grand Sheik)

Contact number:\_\_\_\_\_

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Temple Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cc:

Temple Secretary

Sheik Broad (added/read into official records)

Grand Governors' Office

**Note: Please note that these draft proposals, Grand Governors' and Grand Sheiks' 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter reports are not designed to be read into the record but rather, submitted. The Grand Sheiks' Report would be submitted to the Grand Governor of his State, no later than August 1st. The Grand Governor would prepare his report based upon the information contained in the Grand Sheiks' reports of his/her state. His/her report is to be forwarded to the Home Office or assign point, on proper form or proper form format, no later than August 30<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, this report is to be submitted/hand delivered to the Chairman of the Convention, or whomever is appoint to receive said report The proposed Grand Governors' Report would than be entered (data processed) into a compute data base set-up solely for that purpose.**

Finally, there are hidden powers and granted authorities in the name **“Moorish Science Temple of America”**, we have to remember that he established a **“Religious Society”** on July 20, 1928. Read up on **Watson v Jones,** and **Hurd Revised Stat.,** for a better understanding. Also read your Moorish Holy Koran and your Holy Koran of Mecca for he acknowledged (declare) that we (you) were (are) a Moslem(s) under the Divine Laws of the Holy Koran of Mecca, Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom and Justice. Therefore, the Temple is also established upon these principles and divine design.

### Points to ponder:

**May 29,1926** - 1<sup>st</sup> board of directors/Incorporators:

Drew Alin, James Lomax, Johnny Reynolds, Eddie Watts and Samuel Rucker — Purpose: (I) to teach our members those things that would make them better citizens and (2) to help in the great program of uplifting fallen humanity. Citizenship is foundered in Nationality and those who fail to answer up are ..." Thus, the Pillar of Nationality is wrapped in the cloth of civic design. Articles filed/signed Drew Alin (?). Claude Green-Bey (***Bey not on document***) was the Notary Public. Official name of civic corporation: Moorish Temple of Science.

**May 1927** — Moorish Holy Temple of Science adopted-symbolic of Drew Ali's Divine Minister-name never registered on official corporate documents. The Prophet's House. The Moorish Guide seen both a local direction and national voice built upon yet separate from the civic corporation-note absence of reporting in corporate files of the civic corporation. The same would later apply to the Moorish Manufactory Corporation.

**May 2, 1928** — Civic Corporation officially changes its corporate name from Moorish Temple of Science to the Moorish Science Temple of America.

**July 20,1928** — A special meeting was held between Drew Ali, Mealy-El, Small-Bey, Lovett-Bey and Foreman-Bey, wherein it was decided that the Moorish Science Temple of America would adjust, reorganize or change its corporate status to accommodate its purpose and work , i.e., since the work was largely religious an affidavit to this effect was filed in the Cook County Recorder). The Moorish Science Temple of America would now **derive its power and authority from the Koran of Mohammed to (I) propagate the faith ...", (2) extend the learning and truth of the Great Prophet of Ali in America..."**; (3) to appoint and consecrate missionaries of the Prophet and (4) to establish the faith of Mohammed in America.

The power to define and name was also granted-I do hereby declare that you are a "Moslem" according to..." This Book would later be identified as: "We have it as thee Revealed Word of God Allah Finally, it was declared that: "said Moorish Science Temple of America adopted as its corporate name, the following Moorish Science Temple of America .

**August I, 1928**-Religious Affidavit officially filed and placed in the Office of Records and Deeds. (Note: Affidavit filed 12 days after the special meeting) Presiding Officer: Prophet Noble Drew Ali; Roberta W. Counull, Notary Public. Affidavit signed Drew Ali. (Note: See Religious Corporation Act of 1872 for filing instructions and purpose)

**Following the filing of the Religious Affidavit the Prophet Announced:**

*\*There were those questioning his authority*

*\*All power and authority of the Moorish Science Temple of America is vested in the Prophet and those whom he appoints to act in the Supreme Body*

*\*Those who would act as the Supreme Council*

*\*That he could appoint or expel any member of this council*

*\*That the Constitution would be explained in detail*

*\*That the rules and regulations would be made clear to everyone.*

*\*That violators and those refusing to comply with the rules would suffer: Suspensions and Expulsions*

*\*What was required of every officer or member of the organization*

*\*That he , Noble Drew Ali, "will not tolerate any interference with the operation of the National Divine Movement from any one.*

*\*A series of Warning where issue between October 1928 and March 1929.*

Finally, I leave you, the reader, to the task of arriving at your own conclusions. May Allah be your Guide and Protector in the journey for truth and may He open your eyes to see the truth that you find.

I extend honor to **Brother R. Jones-Bey, present Grand Sheik of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.**, and Brother L. Stewart-Bey, Grand Sheik of Subordinate Temple #78, for their ear of patience and their consideration for change. To my brother and friend, Brother T. Foster-El. (Former) Assistant Grand Sheik and (Former) , Grand Mufti of the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc., for his inspiration and example.. To My Teacher and Friend, **Brother J. Ray-Bey, Moorish Teacher, Scholar and Establisher of the Honorable Brotherhood of Friends**, for his many hours of instructions in Moorish Science; to brothers, T. Dingle-El; Richardson Dingle-El; and Dr. R. German-Bey for allowing me to talk to them as well as sharing a number of documents and letters. To Brother J. Bratton-Bey, Brother C. Prather-El, and Brother Ra Saadi-El, I extend a special thanks for debating in love and sharing with me their understanding of Allah's many blessings to Humanity.. To all those named and unnamed who have shared documents with me and exchanged historical facts and research, I extend honor. To those whom I have debated this doctrine in love and discussed my findings in sincerity, I thank you for the learning opportunity. To the many Moorish leaders and teachers, who have taken their time to speak with me and correspond via the written word, I thank you for your time and assistance, because each of you have brought me closer to our collective quest. To my brothers and friends, **Brother N. Chambers-El and Brother R. Thomas-Bey, to the Honored Brotherhood of Friends**, thank you for the many lessons and encouragement to keep pushing forward and upward. Finally to my brother, The Maat Scholar and Tai Chi Master, Sufi Ausar D. Winkler, my sincere love and thanks for the Journey into the Ancient Egyptian Temples and the Science of Life.

Peace



**Sheik Richard R. Edwards-El,**  
**Divine Minister in the Moorish Science Temple of America, Inc.**

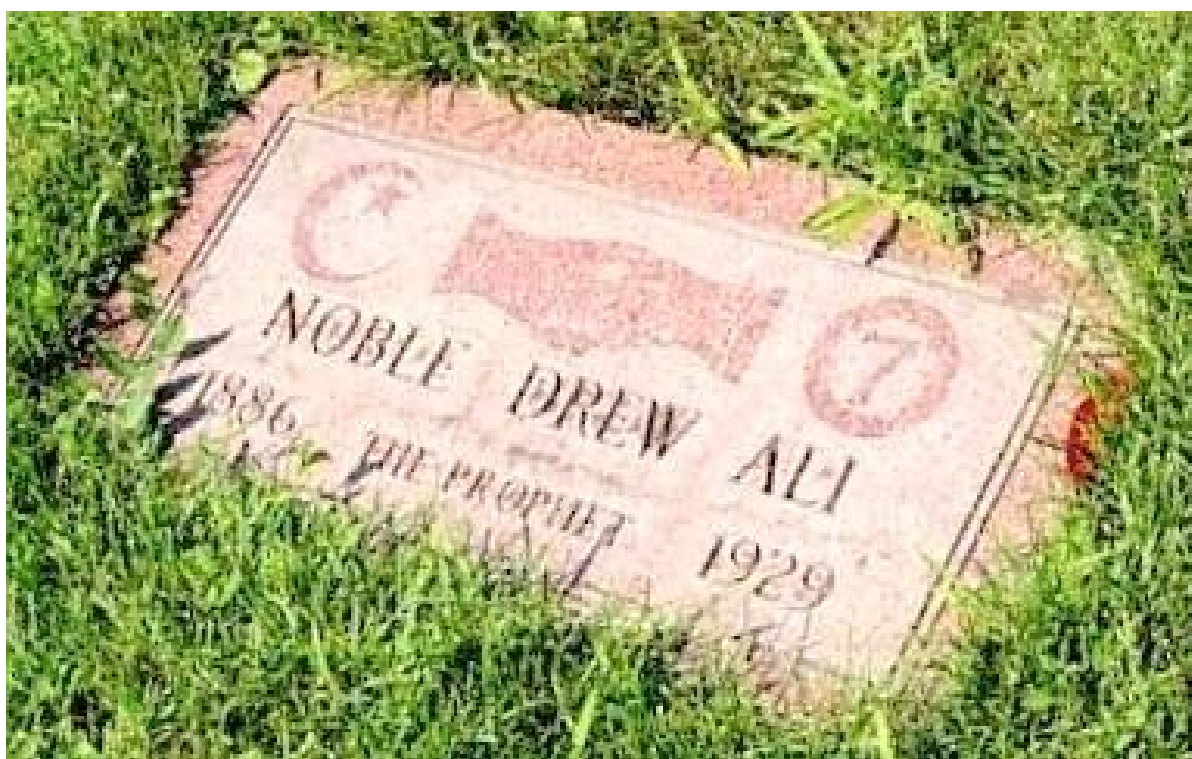
**Special Thanks to Sister D. Warner-Bey, D.M., my sister in Islam and Moorish American Historian for her time and assistance during this historical journey. May Allah be forever pleased with her efforts to walk in his path.**



**Now Jesus did not sleep within the tomb. Body is the manifest of soul but soul is without its manifest and in the realms of souls unmanifest the lord went and taught.**



**Timothy Drew, The Egyptian Adept**



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